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Confrontation with unions expected

Byers scraps minimum wage rules

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

STEPHEN BYERS is risking his first confrontation with the trade unions by allowing employers to escape the need to keep special records to show that they are observing the national minimum wage.

And the Industry Secretary has scrapped plans for details of the minimum wage to ac-company every payslip. Mr Byers has concluded

that the regulations as they stand would be too burdensome and costly for industry and that the publicity surrounding the launch of the minimum wage on April I will be enough to inform people of their entitlements.

The changes will infuriate union leaders who believe that publishing minimum wage statements and keeping specific records will be crucial to enforcement. But they will enhance Mr Byers's pro-busi-ness credendals, since they will save companies about £200 million a year.

Mr Byers last week ordered the Department of Trade and Industry to review all regulaions as they affected employers, to root out unnecessary red tape, and he has astonished officials with his swift ruling that the changes should be made to the minimum wage rules that are being published this week, possibly to-

Under the regulations. drawn up by officials in accordance with standing DTI

practice, employers would have been required to send every employee a 250-word statement with their payslip giving details of the minimum wage(£3.60 an hour for over-21s. E3 for 18-21 year olds. and £3.20 for trainees over 22) and an explanation of their

It would have gone to every-one — from cleaner to Cabinet minister. Mr Byershas concluded that is unnecessary and that people will be made fully aware of their rights through media coverage and government advertisements.

The Industry Secretary has also decided to drop the specific requirement on employers to keep records solely on the minimum wage. These would have included details for every employee on gross and net pay, overtime, holidays, advances and other minutiae. Mr. Byers has told colleagues that he is satisfied that existing records that firms have to keep will be sufficient to show that they are observing the law and that an extra set of forms is un-

A third change ordered by Mr Byers is the scrapping of the requirement on employers to keep special records for people who work unusual hours such as teachers, school meals supervisors and cleaners who work at schools during termtimes. Their minimum wage entitlements will be based on the hours they spend working.

but there will be no need for separate records.

The moves will enhance Mr Byers's reputation as one of the Cabinet's leading Blairites. He upset some on the Left recently when, in his first keynote speech as Industry Secretary, he declared that wealth creation was more important than wealth redistribution.

They will also reassure industrialists who regretted the departure of Mr Byers's predecessor Peter Mandelson, whoestablished a strong pro-business reputation in his short time at the department. But they may increase union suspicions about Mr Byers which have lingered since he told journalists at a Labour conference that he thought the party might sever its links with the

After the early success of his new crusade against red tape. Mr Byers has told officials to look at a range of other directives and regulations to see whether savings to business can be made. A DTI source said: "The reg-

lations are overdone. Ever thing has to be gold-plated. Everyone knows about the minimum wage and to require this huge amount of bureaucracy would have been quite unacceptable.

But the review is only just under way. No stone will be left unturned as look for more red tape to remove from the



Katrina Bovill's portrait of Earl Percy, who will have to wait Il years for his inheritance

Duke acts to save his son from too much too young

BY CHRISTINE MIDDAP

ONE of Britain's wealthiest men yesterday won High Court approval to defer his son's inheritance to protect bim from the dangers of hav-ing too much money too

young.
Earl Percy, 14, the eldest son of the 12th Duke of Northumberland, was to have received E250,000 a year from the £13.5 million Albury Estate in Sur-

rey when he turned 18.

But the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland thought it would be dangerous and irresponsible for him to have so much money at such a young age. The court was told that the Eton schoolboy could be exposed to "spongers", and was reminded of the fate of the Marquess of Bristol, who inherited more than £1 million at 18 and died of chronic drug abuse last month aged 44.

The court was also reminded of the boy's uncle, the flamboyant 11th Duke of Northumberland, who died aged 42 af-ter taking an accidental overdose of presciption amphetamines in 1995.

Mark Herbert, QC, representing the Duchess, said the perception in the family was that the 11th Duke had not been made happy by wealth and his brother. Ralph, who inherited his title wanted to proect his son from the vices. Ob stacles and dangers of wealth.

Edward Davidson, QC, representing the Duke, said that there was no suggestion that he was being a heavy-handed father who wanted to keep his son in his place. The boy would still enjoy ample funds, "well beyond that of most of us", and suitable protection from harm. "This man is not

going to be deprived of any money that he can sensibly

Mr Herbert said the Duchess also believed it would be "criminal" to allow her son his full entitlement at 18. He said that George Percy was a "nor-mal 14-year-old" who had not been shown to be irresponsible or incapable. "He is a clever boy, hardworking and ambitious to cope with the real



The 11th Duke: wealth did not bring him happiness

world and make his own way

There were 13 defendants to vesterday's action, including Earl Percy's younger brother and two sisters. Their lawvers all supported the move to var the family's Will Trust, which was approved by Mr Justice

Earl Percy will now not re ceive his income until he is 25, but will instead receive what he "reasonably needs", as de-termined by trustees, from his 18th birthday.

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Blair eats 'healthy, tasty' genetic foods

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR committee under Jack Cun-

TONY BLAIR yesterday gave his approval to genetically modified food. Downing Street said that the Prime Minister thought it was safe, that he ate it himself, and that he believed it could be tastier. heaper and healthier. But a spokesman refused to

be drawn on whether Mr Blair's children ate such food. Officials revealed his "frustration" that the informed arguments in favour of the food were not coming across. They emphasised the high safety standards that were in place and Whitehall's efforts to monitor the latest develop-

ments in biotechnology. Ministers are worried by polls suggesting that the pub-lic is alarmed about genetically modified food. Last night it emerged that a

'stakeholders' forum" was be-

ing considered to advise the

Government on new processes

and products. The Cabinet

ningham which is examining the issue is expected to recommend that an advisory body be established. It "would include those who had an interest in pushing ahead with research on biotechnology as



well as those who did not, a Government spokesman said. The Conservatives yesterday launched a campaign to force supermarkets to label all products containing genetical-

ly modified ingredients.

John Redwood, the shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said many stores had already responded to consumer concern by introducing labelling or banning such products.

He said the Government should not blame the Europe-

an Union for delays in intro-

ducing compulsory labelling. The Government was committed to a full labelling re-gime, Downing Street said. The Government has said only three genetically modi-fied food products are on sale: a tomato paste, some soya and maize, and some cheeses made using rennet. It was confident they were safe.

Missing bonus, page 4

Psychopaths to be held without trial

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

PAEDOPHILES and danger-ous psychopaths will be locked up indefinitely, even if they have not committed a crime. under draconian proposals announced by Jack Straw

Civil liberties groups imme-diately expressed alarm at the planned detention order. which is aimed at people with

severe personality disorders who are not regarded as treata-ble under mental health laws. There are about 2,000 people in Britain, but only 200 of them are thought to be at large
— the vast majority are in jail and the rest in hospitals.

The idea is to plug the loophole in existing law which pre-vented the authorities locking up Michael Stone before he killed Megan and Lin Russell. and made it impossible to Continued on page 2, col 5

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Tamoxifen causes as well as cures cancer

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

TAMOXIFEN, the anti-cancer drug that saves 1,000 lives a year in Britain alone, can itself cause cancer and should not be used as a preventive medicine by healthy women, a

study published today says.

The drug is prescribed to 80per cent of the 30,000 women
found to have breast cancer each year and there is no doubt that it helps them to live longer and reduces the risk of the disease developing in both breasts.

For women with the cancer. the drug's side effects - which include cancer of the womb lining — are considered a risk worth taking, since after five years on tamoxifen a patient is 30 times better off than if she

had never had it. However, the survey pub-lished in the Journal of Clinical Pathology shows the risks of some cancers increase fourfold for women taking the drug for more than five years.

of an American initiative to have the drug licensed as a treatment for women at high risk of develoing the disease.

.Tamoxifen's success in preventing breast cancer's recourance prompted trials to see if it could also prevent women closely related to sufferers getting the disease. Last year in America those trials were suspended after two years — long before they were complete — because researchers claimed they had demonstrated a 45 per cent reduction in breast

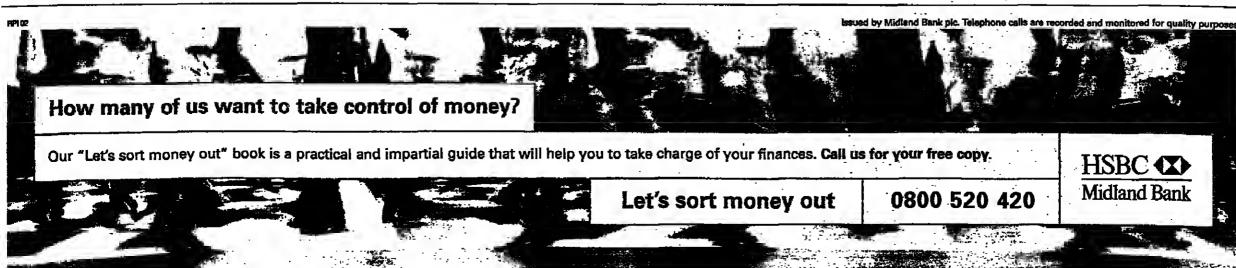
cancer among treated women. British researchers, angered by the American decision, say that it was too early to be certain tamoxifen did help with prevention. British trials are, therefore, continuing. Trials reviewed in the new survey show that after taking the drug for two years, the number of women developing cancer of the womb lining dou-

The results show the dangers bles - and after five years quadruples — compared with women not taking it. One trial showed that women on tamoxifen with this kind of cancer were less easy to treat than

those not taking it. There is also clear evidence that women on tamoxifen are more likely to grow polyps and show hormonal changes on cervical smears - two risk factors for the development of

other cancers. The survey, by Sezgin Ismail of the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff, is based on research projects going back for more than a decade. She said: "America jumped the gun on this ... There is clearly a significant risk involved in taking if and this could be higher than the risk of healthy women developing breast cancer if they do not take it."

Medicine chest, page 14



Bleeding heart Tories find Straw a touch too totalitarian

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pookily. hundreds in can hardly have been a parliathe Commons chamber were thinking the same thing vesterday, but only one dared voice it. "What if . . .?"

Jack Straw, the Home Sccretary, had described what he called "new measures to protect the public from dangerous people" - and nobody called it "detention without trial". He was moderate and

careful in his argument. Nor could anyone call Mr Straw a fascist few would even describe him as rightwing, and nobody thinks new Labour are Nazis. Yet there served. Gerry Bermingham

mentary observer yesterday who did not however momentarily, reflect on the rise of the Third Reich and wonder - at once dismissing the thought - how the very first steps on what became a journey to totalitarianism might have looked to observers at the

There was a measure of sup-port yesterday for Mr Straw's ideas, and a measure of unease. Both came equally from

Some support was unre-

(Lab. St Helens S) offered a lawyerly and orotund welcome. Sir Norman Fowler. Straw's Shadow, went further, casually overturning 1.000 years of English criminal jurisprudence. 'It cannot be right." he declared. "to have people in the community where there is a very real belief they are a danger". A Roman Procurator of Judaea once

reached a similar conclusion. Sir Norman went to on call for appeared to) for life sentences for sex offenders and a reversal of the ordinary pre-sumption: "offenders should



not be released unless we can be confident they will not reoffend". Hmm

For the Liberal Democrats. Simon Hughes, who is making a habit of shying at the final fence, galloped confidently up to the sticks (Straw's plan would be "widely agreed") and then slithered whinnying into the mud: its terms would have to be defined "sufficiently tightly" This was not "to be treated lightly" - was it? Astonishingly. Straw agreed not.

Among the doubters there were the predictables. To shouts of "no". Tony Benn spoke of Northern Ireland, internment, and Soviet justice. Ann Clwyd (Lab. Cynon Valley) recalled ber own doubts on a mental health tribunal,

trying (without confidence) to ssess human dangerousness. Gwyneth Dunwoody (Lab. Crewe and Nantwich) was a less expected sceptic. Justified or not, the plan was "an abuse of human rights". Mrs Dunwoody, a commonsense conservative of Labour's old school, is no bleeding-heart

raised eyebrows. As did Virginia Bottom Welcoming Straw's ideas, she then unwelcomed them, calling the Government a dedicated follower of fashion and wondering how

liberal and her question

strong was the underlying case. To be attacked from the Left by Mrs Bottomley is con-

For the Tories' Jacqui Lait (Beckenham), who also stopped short of opposing the idea, the plan "reeked of incarceration". To be attacked from the Left by anyone from Beckenham is deeply confusing: your sketchwriter, the grandson of a Beckenham family butcher, can testify to this.

But it was the attack from Reigate that stunned. Crispin Blunt, the town's Tory MP. went straight for the jugular.

The Home Secretary's proposals surrendered to the "something-must-be-done" tendency and the tabloid press". Did Straw not realise that these forces would now exert "enormous pressure to eliminate all risks? Either Mr Bhunt is a very plucky fellow, or Reigate is capable of liberal doubt or

possibly both Backbench MPs are roughand-ready philosophers, yet sensitive to unseen but potent frontiers. Yesterday afternoon Jack Straw may have sensed himself coming uncomfortably close to one of these.

Best doctors and nurses to get more pay

By JILL SHERMAN AND IAN MURRAY

BRITAIN'S best nurses and doctors will be rewarded with higher wages under a reform of NHS pay structures announced yesterday.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary unveiled plans to introduce the first stages of performance-related pay and to allow local managers to set their own pay rates. The proposals infuriated the health service unions and the Royal College of Nursing, which has long resisted performance pay and local pay bargaining.

Teaching unions have al-ready served warning that they will try to block government attempts in introduce merit pay. Unison, the public service union, said it was "disgusted and dismayed". Ann Widdecombe, the Shad-

ow Health Secretary, accused the Covernment of a U-turn and claimed it had merely hijacked Tory policy to introduce local pay bargaining.

Currently nurses and doctors' pay is linked to length of service. The most skilled will now be able to leapfrog over colleagues into higher pay

Some 500,000 doctors and nurses will for the first time be able to get extra pay for 'com-

petence", taking on extra responsibilites and gaining new skills. Top performing medi-cal leams and hospitals will be eligible for bonuses, and seniur nurses and doctors will have individual performance

The plans - set out in a consultation document, Agenda for Change — will also allow managers to set pay locally and determine where new staff should join pay scales.

Health department officials denied that this would be a move back to local pay har-gaining, introduced briefly by the Tories in the late 1980s and strongly opposed by Labour, It failed because appeals by thousands of nurses who thought they had been unfairly treated caused long delays in awards.

Under the new system, which will be negoriated with the unions and the health service professions, the separate nurses' and doctors' pay re-view bodies will still determine pay nationally. But hospital managers will be given the powers to top up payments locally where there are retention or recruitment difficulties or where they can reward staff

for good performance. Health officials insisted that the report makes the first moves towards an element of performance-related pay but that pay based only on performance would be confined to most senior staff.

The document proposes that the hundreds of existing pay scales and grades should be merged into three national pay scales, one for doctors and dentists, one for staff covered by the Nursing Pay Review Body and one for other staff. Pay bands would then be decided in negotiation with unions and employers.

The paper also signals that In future nurses would be able to take over some of the responsibilities of junior doctors to allow much more flexibility in nurses' duties. Frank Dobson said the pay system would give better career profession, modern conditions of service. and a fair basis for pay rises within a national framework.

The RCN welcomed a commitment to a national pay framework, but said there must be no return to local agreements: "While we are willing to explore some flexibility to take account of local factors, we must have strong safeguards to ensure all nurses are fairly treated."



Helen Palmer, left, and Lesley Cannon, right, outside court after the judge ruled that the hospital had been negligent

Damages for smear failures

THREE women are to receive damages after a judge ruled vesterday that failure to spot the earty signs of cervical cancer during routine smear tests

had been negligent The women, one of whom does not have children, are now infertile. Although the judge said that his ruling should not larm other women. Sarah Harman, solicitor for the three, said the evidence had highlighled unacceptable dif-

Women whose cervical problems were missed will receive substantial

payouts, reports Richard Duce

ferences in screening standards around Britain.

Helen Palmer, Lesley Cannon and Sandra Penney will return to court later this year for damages to be assessed after the ruling by Judge Pep-pltt, QC, sitting as a High Court judge in Canterbury, that East Kent Health Authori-

ty was liable. All three were screened at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, which was the subject of an inquiry more than a year ago when some 90,000 cases were reviewed because of false negative reporting at the mear test laboratory. The failings at the laboratory have contributed to eight deaths. 30

hysterectomies and treatment

for hundreds of other women. Compensation of more than El million has already been paid to some 50 women. At the damages hearing Mrs Palmer, 30, Mrs Cannon,

39, and Mrs Penney will for the first time tell a judge how an unexpected diagnosis of cancer affected their lives. Previous evidence has been from expert witnesses only. Mrs Palmer and Mrs Can-

non already have children and can expect damages of about £30,000. Mrs Penney, who had to have a hysterectmy, had no children and her damages are expected to be about £50,000.

Mrs Cannon, who has seven children, said after the

hearing: "I didn't know if I was going to live or die and we didn't need to go through this in court as well. I hope the case will set new standards for screening across the country." Doctors for the women had

argued that screeners should have spotted abnormalities in the smear tests and at least asked for a rescreen if not referred them to a consultant. Doctors for the health au-

thority said that even with the advances in screening over the last few years the smear as negative or border line by a

Jim Smith, chief executive of Kent and Canterbury NHS Trust, said later: 'These were cases where the expert advice said we should contest liability. I'm saddened that the women had to go through this." A further li cases where liability was at issue will be reviewed in light of the ruling, he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister condemns Tube strike

The transport minister. John Reid, said a 48-hour strike on the London Underground was unreasonable and unnecessary". The strike, which ends tonight, resulted in the closure of 25 stations during the rushhour although all but nine opened by mid-morning. The transport union RMT is demanding no compulsory layoffs or changes to conditions under plans to sell part of the network to private enterprise. Or Reid said assurances had been given in principle to safeguard terms and conditions, but demands such as a job for life would win no friends among the travelling public.

Prison riot

Accommodation blocks at Haverigg jail in Cumbria were burnt down by rioting inmates who caused damage totalling El million in a protest, alleged-ly over the introduction of ly over the introduction of chairs without cushions. Eight blocks were wrecked by fire during the eight-hour ram-page. 190 inmates have been moved to other prisons.

Livingstone rally

Ken Livingstone's battle to become Labour's official Mayor of London candidate intensified as he staged a "Let Ken Stand" rally at Westminster's Central Hall, London. The event was attended by a number of his celebrity supporters, among them Jo Brand, the comedian, and Beryl Bainbridge, the author.

Heathrow error

Balfour Beatty has been fined a record £1.2 million over a tunnel collapse at Heathrow Airport in 1994. The Old Bailey was told that the civil engineering failure could have "un-zipped" the Piccadilly tube line. Geoconsult, engineering consultants, were fined £1/2 million and each firm was ordered to pay £100,000 in costs.

Kidnap pair free

A British teacher and his twoyear-old son, who were kidnapped while playing on a riv-er beach in Nigeria, were freed unharmed yesterday. Shell, the teacher's employers, said that no ransom was demanded or paid for Martin Westbury. 39. and his son Benjamin, who were released 24 hours after being captured.

Teachers' protest 🗇

A majority of teachers have rejected performance-related pay. A poll of more than 1,000 teachers for the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers showed that three quarters oppose payment by results. If government concessions are not forthcoming, the union

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Olympic sponsors want Samaranch to step down

By JOHN GOODBODY AND DEVUN BARRETT

THE biggest sponsors of the Divingies want Juan Antonio Samaranch to resign as President of the International Olympic Comminee because the

Games have become tarnished by the 'cash-for-votes' A closed meeting in New York last week of at least five sponsors, who are contributing £150 million over four

years to the Olympic move-

nent demanded a very pub-

lic. very substantive show of change." They believe that this could best be achieved by the former Spanish diplomat.

who has been president since 1980, stepping down. One source at the meeting said: "Nobody stood, shook their fist and said that Samaranch must go, but the under-current of the meeting was that the sponsors felt that he

Olympic officials were present to hear the views of their leading supporters. Xerox. Kodak, Coca-Cola, McDon-

clined to be identified, said: "Everyone is appalled. Everyone wants action now. There is nothing to be gained in going

public with that right now but at some point the sponsors' panence will run out." the sponsors disagreed on

whether the changes in the IOC should come this week or at the March meeting in Swit-

ny, and John Hancock, the in-

surance company, were all

Another sponsor, who de-

Psychopaths to be locked up

keep predatory paedophiles such as Robert Oliver in detention after they have completed their jail terms.

But Mr Straw Offered no details yesterday of where such people would be kept. The Home Office said that they and be detained in either the prisons or special hospitals ur a completely new network of secure units.

Under the Home Secretary's proposals, police or social workers would be able to ask the courts to have someone detained if they believed they were a risk to the community. even if they had not committed

Mr Straw told MPs: "There is a group of dangerous and severely personally disordered individuals from whom the public are not properly protected and who are neither restrained effectively by the criminal law nor mental health provisions. Their propensity to commit the most serious sexual and violent acts may be

well-known and recorded." Mr Straw admitted that his proposals, which will be the subject of a consultation paper later this spring, were a "serious step" and he promised that sufeguards, including regular quasi-judicial reviews.

The new urder aims to deal with offenders like Michael Some who murdered Lin and Megan Russell weeks after asking to be admined to hospital because he felt out of control. But Stone, suffering from a psychopathic personality disorder, could not be detained under existing mental health

It is also aimed at men such as Robert Oliver, who was convicted of killing runaway teen-ager Jason Swift. Oliver was also deemed to be suffering from a personality disorder and was released from jail even though he is still considered a great danger to children. He is now being held in a medium secure unit in Milton Keynes at a cost of £320 a

Penny Buller, of the Associa-tion of Chief Officers of Probauon welcomed the plans for dealing with psychopaths. They are ticking time bombs which we do not currently have the power to defuse unless a further offence is committed." she said.

But The Bar Council and Liberty, the civil rights pressure group, expressed concern at the proposals. A spokesman for the Bar Council said:

"Plans to lock someone up before they have committed a crime need to be examined extremely carefully given the presumption of innocence in our legal system. There are plenty 2 of people who are potentially dangerous, do we lock them

John Wadham, director of Liberty, said the plans were "quite shocking".

Leading article, page 21



Hotspur: ready for anything at 18

Dominic Kennedy looks back at the Duke of Northumberland's

colourful and combative ancestors

has skilfully kept its power, influence, lands and fortunes through nearly a millennium of bloody intrigue.

Throughout the Middle Ages and the reigns of the Tudors and Stuarts, a young Per-cy was more likely to find himself in peril on the battlefield than from the the temptations of a debauched youth.

The most famous Percys were the first Earl of Northumberland and his son Henry "Harry" Hotspur, who were both commemorated by Shakespeare in Henry IV Part One. In those days, a man was never too young to be trusted with the Percy inheritance.

of the Scottish marches at 20. named for his enthusiasm for patrolling the border Scotland, was iust 24 when kidnapped by invading Scots and held to

The Northumberland The house of Percy was founded by William de Percy (cl030-1096), whose loyalty was rewarded by William the Conqueror with a vast fief in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

For nearly 1,000 years the Percys have played a colourful role in British history, as plotters, schemers and warriors in and out of favour at court.

Henry de Percy (1273-1314) was one of Edward I's most enthusiastic supporters in subju-gating Scotland until forced to withdraw to England by Robert the Bruce. Henry was summoned to Parliament as a baron in Edward 1's time but later became part of the baronial opposition to Edward 11, the king obsessed with his homosexual lover Piers de Gaveston. Edward ended up gruesomely murdered but Henry de Percy thrived, buying land to make the family the biggest land-

owners in Northumberland. Henry de Percy (1341-1408), became the Marshal of Eng-land and was made Earl of Northumberland at Richard

THE historic house of Percy U's Coronation in 1377 but he too became his King's enemy. From 1398 Henry supported the Duke of Hereford (later Henry IV) and played a leading role in Richard's abdication. Disloyalty had become a

> Henry went on to plot against the new king and was killed at Bramhan Moore. His son Sir Henry Percy, known as Hotspur, led the most serious uprising against Henry IV but was killed fighting his king at the Battle of Shrewsbury in 1403.

The earldom lapsed in 1537 on the death of the 6th earl. When the earldom was restored to the Percys in 1557 By the age of 18, Henry, the first Earl, had already led English troops in France and he Thomas (1528-72), who had

> was beheaded in York marketvolvement with the northern resought to free Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots. and allow toler-

man Catholics under Elizabeth I. Henry, the 8th Earl (ci532-85), also suspected of pro-Catholic plotting and sup-port for Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in the Tower of London and found shot through the heart there.

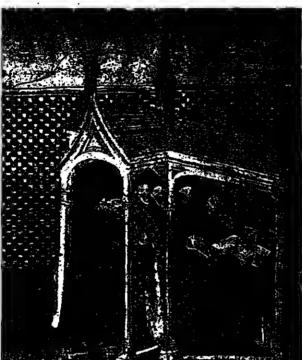
Henry the 9th Earl (1564-1632) was imprisoned in the Tower from 1605 to 1621 on suspicion of being involved in the Gunpowder Plot. His cousin Thomas Percy was a chief

Today the Percys are still prominent in national affairs. The present Duke is frequently described as a multimillionaire land owner and proprietor of cultural and artistic

Unlike most dukes, he has stayed in his fiefdom, Atrwick Castle in Northumberland, while owning Syon House in West London. His eccentric brother Harry, who escorted the model Naomi Campbell's mother Valerie, was found dead at Syon in November



The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland at Alnwick Castle with their son George, who is to be protected from the perils of sudden wealth



Henry de Percy swearing his allegiance to Richard II

Where there's a will, there may be a drag

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

YOUNG people in line for multimillion-pound inheritances are increasingly unlikely to be able to touch their wealth until they are 25.

Princes William and Harry are the among the beneficiaries on whom conditions have been imposed to ensure they do not inherit their £12.9 million share of their mother's estate until they are mature.

In extreme cases trustees of large estates have cut their children out of their inheritance if they do not comply with their wishes — most nota-bly as with Jamie Blandford, son of the Duke of Marlborough, who has been stripped of the right to inherit the £100 million estate. The Duke feared that his son; who has

been addicted to drugs, would squander the family fortune. Kate Howe, a trusts expert with Boodle Hatfield, said it was common practice for trustees to ensure that a young person did not inherit a huge In 1972 the grandson of the hump sum at the age of 18. But if they were faced with a will

that allowed this, it would be right to go to court to seek a variation. "It is no reflection on the young person; it is just request that a dental nurse the trustees saying that 18 is a very young age to have, say, El million at your disposal when you have never had to work or appreciate the value of more."

of money." For hundreds of years willmakers have exacted conditions. A Wilfred Thompson left £16.000 to his niece in 1971

oo condition she never marry. In the same year a man was left £36,000 by his aunt on con-dition that he marry a dark girl over 5ft 10in with an interest in classical music.

5th Lord Hatherton had to change his name from Perceval to Littleton to benefit from a bequest of £100,000. More demanding was the

had to spend five years without wearing make-up or going out with a man to collect £181,000 left to her by her former employer. A millionaire stipulated that his nonsmoking, nagging wife must smoke five cigarettes a year before she could inherit his

Woman threw life away for love of a criminal

By Adam Sherwin

A SINGLE mother who spent years pursuing her ambition to go to university threw her life away after a chance meeting with a glamorous criminal, the Old Bailey was told

yesterday. Michelle Niles, 30. met the leader of a London gang in a pub and was struck by a "thunderbolt of love". She was soon acting as the getaway driver on a series of armed raids.

The court was told that Niles, from Edmonton, North London, had spent her adult life seeking to better herself and take care of her family. She was supporting a tenyear-old daughter and was a well spoken, well educated and attractive" woman who was a role model for others.

She was studying for her degree when she went for a drink and was introduced to a man referred to in court as Harvey. John Plumstead, for Niles, said: "In the space of six weeks she threw away everything she had spent her life working for. She was struck by a thunderbolt of love and emotion which was sadly not

reciprocated." Her criminal involvement began when Harvey asked her for a "small favour" to borrow her car. It escalated into Niles entering off-licences and distracting staff so that Harvey and his armed could raid the premises. Niles would also on occasion act as the getaway driver. She admitted taking part in three armed robberies of off-licences that netted the gang over £10,000. She was paid £300 a time. The gang was caught after a police surveillance operation.

Judge Neil Denison, QC. sentencing Niles to 30 months in jail, fold her: "These crimes are so serious only a custodial sentence is appropriate. You were under the influence of Harvey but that is no real excuse. I accept there is a good side to you. But you threw all that away because of your infatuation with a man and his glamorous lifestyle."

The man described as Harvey has pleaded guilty to robbery and attempted robbery and is awaiting sentence.

Old Bailey convoy follows in footsteps of German Army

IT TOOK Mr Justice Ports and his court marginally longer to enter the Republic of Belarus yesterday than it did the German Army in the early hours of June 22, 1941.

Judge, jury, counsel and court officials were on the second day of their journey to the village of Domachevo, to see where Anthony Sawoniuk, 77, a retired British Rail ticket inspector, is alleged to have par-ticipated in the murder of Jews during the Second World War. Mr Sawoniuk, who has been spared a return visit to his native village, denies four charg-

The Old Bailey entourage left Warsaw yesterday morn-ing in three coaches with police escorts for the 120-mile journey to the border, through countryside as flat as a Cambridgeshire fen, relieved only by birchwoods and neat villages under a dusting of snow.

At the approach to the frontier post at Brest, a half-mile queue of cars engendered dis-may; it can take up to four hours to deal with passports. visas and currency declarations. But the convoy was directed into the diplomatic lanc, where courteous officials collected passports and showed no interest in the currency forms that the party had laboriously completed in duplicate. The jury remained imprisoned in their bus lest someone

take their photograph. The

The going is easy

for war crimes trial but chilling realities are still to come, reports

judge, in flat cap and walking boots, took a stroll in the slush. William Clegg, QC, leading de-fence counsel, emerged into the sunshine in a brightly pat-

toms officials emerged from

Alan Hamilton

terned Norwegian sweater.
After 65 minutes the cus-

passports and the convoy crossed the partially frozen River Bug, to salutes from the border guards and a whoop of delight from the correspondent on the press bus who had won the sweepstake on how

long the delay would be.
The Wehrmachi achieved the same border crossing. from Greater Germany into Stalin's Soviet Union, In slightly less time. The start of Operation Barbarossa was signalled by an artillery bombardment and the bombing of nearby Minsk and other centres of population at 3am. The Bug bridge was defended by a mere 40 Soviet border troops, who were overwhelmed by the might of German armour at-tacking on a 930-mile front. Within an hour the border

village of Domachevo, the court's destination, had fallen to the enemy without a shot being fired. Days after the invasion, the SS had shot 40 prominent citizens in the predomi-nantly Jewish village. Several thousand others fled to the woods or were corralled behind barbed wire in a village ghetto. On the day of Yorn Kippur the following year, 2,900 Jews were led from the ghetto in groups of up to 70, marched down a track that came to be known as the road of death, ordered to strip and machine-

gunned into ready-dug graves.

After the massacre the Germans, aided by local collaborators, mounted a search-andkill operation to mop up re-maining Jews. The four speci-men murder charges against Mr Sawoniuk, of Bermondsey, South London, relate to

that operation.
The Russian winter finally defeated Hitler, as it had done Napoleon 129 years before. But the Germans were not driven out of Russia until 1944, leaving behind an estimated one million Jewish dead.

Last night the court was in-stalled in the Intourist Hotel in Brest, which has all the charm of a tax office. Today they will make the short trip to Domachevo to confront the chilling realities of 57 years ago.

Package tour group hid 110,000 cigarettes

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

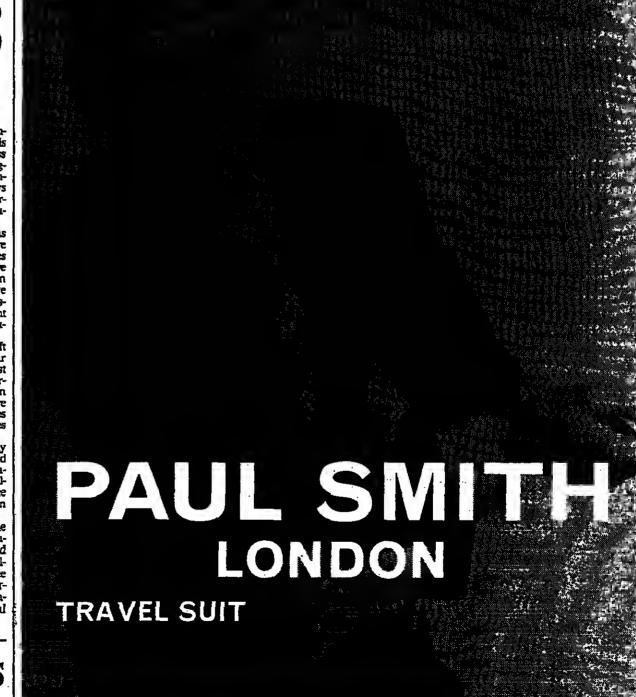
FIVE holidaymakers returning from the Canary Islands failed to declare some excess baggage - around 110,000 cigarettes. Several of the passengers had enjoyed free holidays in Tenerife in exchange for carrying suitcases full of cigarettes back home.

Exeler Crown Court was told that the five couriers were caught with 114,580 cigarettes on which they should have paid more than £13,000 in duty. What they may not have known was that 26 other passengers on the same flight were also smuggling cigarettes.
All the smugglers had left

Britain from airports near their homes in the North East but returned via Exeter airport in January last year. On board their plane were more than half a million cigarettes crammed into cheap suitcases bought in Tenerile.

The five were ordered to pay £6,300 in fines and costs and warned that organised cigarette smuggling would normally lead to jail. All but five of the other smugglers have been dealt with.

Geoffrey Mercer, for the prosecution, said that 200 ciga-rettes cost £6 in Tenerife and £35 in the UK. The duty-free allowance is 200. "When [three female defendants) were interviewed, they all said the cigarettes were for their personal



. Britons prefer to pop their clogs

By Susie Steiner

IT IS not the kind of success that pop stars rave about, but the theme from the film Titanic has become the most popular choice of music at British funerals. My Heart Will Go On by Celine Dion took top place from last year's winner, Elton John's version of Candle in the Wind from the funer-

al of Diana, Princess of Wales. Britain's largest funeral business. Cooperative Funetal Services, undertakes the annual survey from more than 30,000 service. A spokesman said: "The majority

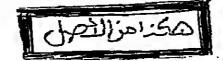
of people are requesting modern songs. These give people the final chance to say something about themselves, a loved one or the world in general. While pop songs are increasingly popular, they are as subject to change as the chart on the radio." Songs dropping out of the funeral top 10 include The Best by Tina Turner, Every Breath You Take by The Police and Always Look on the Bright Side of Life by Monty Python.

The latest list is: I My Heart Will Go On by Celine Dion; 2 Candle in the Wind Elton John; 3 Wind Beneath My Wings

Bette Midler; 4 Search For The Hero M-People, 5 My Way Frank Sinatra; 6 You'll Never Walk Alone Gerry and The Pacemakers; 7 Release Me Engelbert Humper-dinck; 8 Memory Elaine Page; 9 Strangers In the Night Frank Sinatra; 10 Bright Eyes Art Garfunkel.

The top traditional tunes are: I Abide with Me: 2 The Old Rugged Cross; 3 The Day Thou Gavest; 4 All Things Bright and Beautiful: 5 Ave Maria: 6 Nessun Dorma; 7 The Lord Is My Shepherd; 8
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described BSE as

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had faced in more

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at stake in the fuss over geneti-

cally modified products.

Monsanto puts its side of the argument in an advertisement

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Consumers fail to reap gene benefit

THE Prime Minister's declaration that genetically modified foods can he "healthier, tastier, and cheaper" was the first positive news for biotechnology companies for weeks.

But the advantages foreseen by Tony Blair have yet to be enjoyed by consumers. So far, the benefits of GM crops have accrued first to the companies producing them, second to the farmers growing them, and only indirectly to those who eat them. That is the root of the public relations problem they

Genetic modification can produce crops that contain more vitamins, have better cooking qualides and a longer shelf-life. They can also be made resistant to pests. drought and frost. All these are henefits sought for centuries through conventional plant-breeding and have been brought within man's grasp by the control of genetics.

The first GM products, however. have more limited aspirations. Monsanto's GM soya. the product largely responsible for the controversy over genetic modification, has none of these qualities. It was generically modified to make it resistant to a herbicide made by Monsanto, Roundup, allowing farmers to kill weeds without damaging the crop.

Monsanto benefits on both

Prime Minister's

blessing for healthier and tastier' food is

premature, says Nigel Hawkes

and Roundup to farmers. There is also a benefit for the farmers, who get the equivalent of a 5 per cent increase in vield. It may also he a help to the environment through cutting the amount of herbicide used. But the advantages are not obvious to consumers.

Of the products so far available in Britain, only the GM tomato offers a direct consumer benefit: a longer shelf-life, because the gene responsible for softening has been turned off. Shoppers do not see evidence of this, however, because GM tomatoes are sold only in paste Vegetarian cheese offers an

ethical benefit to vegetarians, being made with rennet that owes nothing to the inside of a cow's stomach, the traditional source. The Vegetarian Sociewhich disavows all other GM foods, has given approval. GM potatoes have protec-

Colorado beetle, pests that are potentially devastating. The GM products are said to allow farmers to cut use of insecticides and to achieve a 5 per cent better yield.

These crops are not yet li-censed in Europe. Figures provided for a House of Lords select committee by Monsanto say they would reduce insecticide use by 80 per cent. For the United States as a whole, that means a saving of 2,000 tonnes of raw materials, 1,500 barrels of oil to manufacture the insecticide, 180,000 containers to put it in, and 600,000 litres of fuel to spray it on the crop. (Only 5 per cent of the to-tal sprayed reaches the pests.)

Other benefits are still to come. One of the most important would he crops genetically engineered to fix their own nitrogen, a trick that legumes and clover perform naturally. Cereals with this modification would need much less nitrogen fertiliser because they would take the gas from the air. Pollution would be reduced because there would he less nitrogen run-off from fertilised fields. Farmers everywhere could benefit from drought-resistant and frost-resistant crops, which would extend both the growing season and the number of places

where crops would grow.

Also in the future are crops



Hard to swallow: an environmental campaigner uprooting Monsanto test crops

mins or antioxidant chemicals, to provide protection against heart disease and cancer; potatoes with lower starch levels, that would absorb less far when fried; salad crops that re-

ons and raspberries that ripen more slowly, keeping them in

Nuts may be developed without the allergens that make them dangerous for some peo-ple to eat. It will also be possi-

cines plentifully and cheaply.

Although Tony Blair's "healthier, tastier and cheaper" claims are yet to he real-ised, his words hardly begins

adequate official response and secrecy by scientists. Sales plummet, ministers flounder in the unfamiliar

world of scientists, demands are made for the "Government to do something", and after "something is done" consumer confidence and sales gradually recover to previous levels.

From the salmonella-ineggs fuss of December 1988

that ended Edwina Currie's time as a minister, through John Gummer's feeding of a beefburger to his young daugh-ter in May 1990, Douglas Hogg's tribulations over BSE three years ago, the beef-on-the-bone ban and the problems over GM foods, scares. have usually hindered rather

image problem THE Government has, for suspicion of expert advice - a sense that scientists, officials. and particularly politicians. have hidden what is happening from the public. That has dominated the BSE inquiry. In a MORI poll for the Better Regulation Task Force in the Cabinet Office, more than two-thirds of those interviewed were afraid of the longterm effects of chemicals in food, and more than half were concerned about the production of genetically modified food, about BSE and about

food poisoning generally. Any government is in a nowin situation and usually forced on to the defensive when faced with extreme positions typified by Greenpeace's com-RIDDELL ment that "There are only two sides politics. Food is, after all, the most bato this argument

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- the right one and the wrong one. So far Tony Blair is on the wrong side". The debate is really about re-

assurance. The Government has appeared slow to respond: it is hard to rebut emotional fears and the Whitehall machine seldom copes well with demands for instant action. Tory spokesmen such as John Redwood and Tim Yeo have been sharper tactically: for example, pressing both for ur-gent British legislation to tighten up on labelling in super-markets, where the Government is seeking action from Brussels, and for a moratorical

um on commercial planting, As always, it is really about the balance of risk. Provided that products are properly lested and more clearly labelled, the choice should be up to consumers. There is a distinction. between information/advice and bans. The former is a prop-

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abour linked to biotechnology companies

By JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE biotechnology companies producing genetically modified food have substantial links with the Government and the Labour establishment. Ministers and officials have met representatives of GM food maninfacturers more than 60 times since May 1997, according to written Com-

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Zeneca, a British chemical firm that is developing tomatoes that are slow to rot, which has had 33 meetings in Whitehall.

Monsanto, one of the largest producers of GM crops. has held 23 meetings at the Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food and the Department of the Environment. Transport and the Regions.

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GM maize, spent £15.000 in 1997 sponsoring an exhibition stand and a reception at the Labour Party con-

It also sponsored a skills training day for new Labour MPs. Officials the parent company. Novartis UK Ltd. deny any of this amounts to lobbying for GM foods, a claim rejected by environmental campaign-

NICK Palmer The most active company has been Farm Crops Ltd. which specialises in Broxtowe, is paid up to £5,000 a year for Plant Molecular Pathology in pollster.

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as a parliamentary adviser for Novartis. The MP, who worked as a computer scientist for the company for 18 years, briefs managers but deliberately does not lobby for them.

Lord Sainsbury of Turville, the Science Minister, is a supporter of GM foods. His Gatsby Foundation, a charitable trust, pours thousands of pounds into GM food research. Much of the research is carried out

Norwich, which was set up by Lord Sainsbury 12 years ago. David Hill, the former chief spokesman for Labour, gives media advice to Monsanto in his new role as a director of Bell Pottinger Good Relations.

Stan Greenberg, an American po-litical strategist who worked for Labour between 1992 and 1997, gives consultancy advice to Monsanto. He currently works with his close friend,

Tory supermarket chief says foods must not be banned

THE Conservatives' leading authority on supermarkets gave warning yesterday of the dangers of adopong a heavy regulatory approach to geneti-cally modified foods.

Archie Norman, the MP for Tunbridge Wells and chairman of Asda, said Britain would risk losing much of the technical expertise it enjoyed in the science. The industry would move to South America from where Europe would end up importing goods without the safeguards it would have if the technology was allowed to develop in Britain. Mr Nor-

His comments do not fully chime with those of the Tory front bench, where Tim Yeo. the Shadow Agriculture Secretary, and John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry

their words

SEVERAL ministerial reputations and careers have been affected by ill-judged pronouncements on food safety (Mark Inglefield writes). In 1988. Edwina Currie,

then a junior Health Minister.

had to resign after she claimed that most of Britain's eggs were infected with salmonella. Two years on, as concerns over "mad cow" disease grew. John Gummer, then Agriculture Minister, was heavily criticised for feeding a beefburger to his small daughter. "This is delicious and tastes very good," he said "I have no fears about British beef."

In 1993. Nicholas Soames, the then Food Minister, refused to withdraw from supermarkets beef that had been frozen for six years, claiming that it was "absolutely impossible" for humans to contract BSE.

The chairman of Asda says the risk is greater if Britain is excluded from production, reports Roland Watson

moratorium, as suggested by English Nature, Mr Norman said: "I don't know whether that's the right solution. The risk is that all you do is that the GM industry happens in Argentina and Brazil as well as the United States, and not over here, if you don't handle this well and regulate it well, all you do is export the indus-

Mr Norman, who has retained his interest in Asda since winning his Commons seat at the last election, said the issue was extremely complex but banning GM production was not an option: "It's

not as simple as saying we don't want it here." Mr Norman is adamant that shoppers have nothing to lear from GM foods on sale. There was "very strong evi-dence" that foods including GM soya, maize and tomato

paste were safe. "We wouldn't

sell them if they weren't," he said. "We do appreciate cus. tomers are concerned and they are entitled to know about it. But we wouldn't sell them if they weren't safe."
Mr Norman said that the

Government had been caught on the hop and should bring some clarity into the issue of labelling.

Asda, like many of its com-petitors, labels all GM products, including oil and lecithin, but they do not stock GM tomatoes. The chain has asked suppliers to tell it whether GM ingredients in own-brand: products can he replaced and has set a deadline of the end of next month for replies.

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Lawrence officers to be named as racist

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

AT LEAST a third of the officers facing criticism in the Stephen Lawrence report have been told that they could be accused of racism.

Up to ten officers have been told they may have been guilty of "unintentional" or "subconscious" racism during their handling of the case. All were constables or junior managers volved in the murder inci-

ent or the investigation. One officer has been told that he faces being named as a racist because of his attitudes. He was involved in the initial stages of the case. Another more senior officer has been told he may be accused of "in-

Yesterday, as Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, chairman of the inquiry, prepared to pass his 550-page report to the Home Office, police sources said that the criticisms had been spelt out in individual letters to the serving and former officers. Some 23 officers were given warnings.

The letters are confidential and gave each officer only an outline of the allegations but



Sir William: passing his report to Home Office

not the planned comment. Each officer was then invited to make representations. When Sir William, a former

High Court judge, agreed to send out the letters he ruled that he would not be drawn into a protracted debate. Law-yers for the police officers asked the inquiry for a definition of unconscious racism but received no response.

There is already concern in

Scotland Yard that the inquiry will draw up a wide new definition of institutional racism that could have ramifications for racial harassment cases both in the police and other professions because it may include "unconscious" racism that could be difficult to substantiate or refute.

Yesterday Scotland Yard denied reports that Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, had also been given a written warning of crit-icism in the impending report. Sir William was alleged to have told the Commissioner be would be criticised for the way he handled a Scotland Yard review of the murder

Sir Paul assured the Lawrences, whose son was stabbed in Eltham, southeast London, that the review showed the investigation had been properly carried out. Sir William was said to be highly critical that Sir Paul accepted a flawed review at face value

and gave it his imprimatur. Last October Sir Paul was questioned about the review by Sir William when he gave evidence on the future policing of race attacks. The Commissioner said he now accepted the review had a devastating effect on the investigation.



Berry White with the most recent arrival, a week-old male black rhino born at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park. Two others were born recently

Swapping partners is breeding success

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THREE rare black rhinos have been born at a British wildlife park. It is notoriously difficult to breed the species in captivity but the Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in Kent has managed to produce three

in five months. Berry White, head rhino keeper, said that the secret of their success was partly due to the size of the park's herd, which numbers 16 animals. "It means we can chop and change partners. Rhinos are like people, some males and females may not get on," she said. Ms White added that the park also had plenty of space and in the winter flew in pellets from South Africa made from the rhino's favour-

ite food, acacia.

She said they had recently returned a bull bred in captivity to South Africa and hoped to send more back to their native lands. There are just 3,000 wild black rhino in África.

sentenced to six years

By JOANNA BALE

from Reigate in Surrey, that it

was "almost impossible" to de-

termine how much damage

he had inflicted on the art

world. A deterrent sentence

was needed for the one count

of conspiracy to defraud, two of forgery and one each of

theft and using a false instru-

ment on which he was convict-

A CONMAN who committed the century's biggest cootemporary art fraud was jailed for six years yesterday by a judge who told him that he had inflicted immeasurable damage on the art world.

John Drewe, 50, made at least £1 million by fooling dealers, galleries and auctioneers into buying and selling fake modern works painted by John Myatt, a former art teacher who was sentenced to 12 months in prison.

The sketches and paintings were sold with fake prove-nances which Drewe compiled by contaminating archives in the Tate Gallery and Victoria and Albert Museum. Drewe showed no emotion

as he was sentenced by Judge Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, who told ed on Friday. The judge then turned to Myatt, who admit-Southwark Crown Court that ted conspiracy, telling him he had been the "chief archithat his part in the fraud was tect, organiser and driving force behind a massive so "vital and so significant" it was impossible to accede to defraud". He added: "The evifence pleas that his prison sentence be suspended. The judge then ordered that more dence in this case reveals you have an extraordinary and than £18,600 that Myatt had left from his activities be disalarming talent for manipulating and using other people."

He told the father of two, tributed between four collec-

tors who lost thousands of pounds each buying the fakes.

After the pair had left the dock the judge announced that he had ordered papers in the case to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions "for consideration as to whether Drewe has committed further serious offences".

Art fraud mastermind is | Church steward killed his wife before fatal jump

By Adrian Lee

DEVOUT Methodist known for being "calm and caring" is believed to have killed his wife with a hammer before throwing himself from a bedroom window and freez-

ing to death. Police said yesterday that they could find no motive for the attack by Martin Lawrie. who had attended a prayer meeting with his wife, Joan, a few hours earlier. The couple had been together for more than 40 years and Mr Lawrie was steward of the Methodist church in Freeland, near Witney, Oxfordshire.

In recent weeks Mrs Lawrie, a retired infant teacher in her late 60s, had spoken of her concern about her hus-



Joan Lawrie: attacked

band's failing health and said that she wanted to die before him rather than be left alone. Mr Lawrie, a former civil engineer in his early 70s, under-

went major heart surgery

about two years ago from

cover. Some villagers said they were convinced the deaths

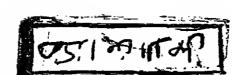
were part of a pact. The couple were last seen alive at 9.30pm last Thursday when a friend dropped them outside their four-bedroom house after a church meeting. On Sunday, a neighbour saw Mr Lawrie lying on a patio. Mrs Lawrie was found dead with severe head injuries.

The couple leave a daughter, who lives in the Manchester area, and son in Australia. The Rev David Freeland, the village's Methodist minister, said: "Martin was very much the lay leader of the congregation. He was a father-figure to others, a very calm and caring man. It is correct to say he was not enjoying good health."



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Smokers 'misled' on low-tar advantages

French sue over toll of cigarettes

LAWYERS for a French health insurer plan to sue cigarctic manufacturers, alleging that they are responsible for hundreds of deaths.

The case brought by a branch of a state-run insurance system is the first in France, where smoking remains widely tolerated and socially acceptable. French tobacco companies are also

The board of the Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie im Saint-Nazaire, near Nantes, did not specify which manufacturers it would be suing in its claim for damages and interest.

François Caballero, a lawver for the health organisation, said that it would be the "civil lawsuit of the century". He added: "It's normal. given the evolution of industrial society, that there be public health authorities against the tobacco companies." (AP)

leads smokers about the tar and nicotine that can be inhaled from "light" cigarettes, new research says today. Some cigarettes without fil-ters, sold as "full flavour".

have less than half the nicotine content of brands sold as "ultra light" that were fitted with filters, the study found. In addition, smokers can inhibit filters that are the main device for reducing tar and nicotine inhalation by unconsciously shutting off vent holes.

The study of 92 brands sold in Britain, the United States and Canada was carried out by researchers from University College London, St George's Hospital Medical School, London, and Penn State University, Pennsylvania. Twenty nine of the 37 British brands tested had filter vents.

The researchers said that the tobacco companies' advertisements for low tar and nicotine cigarettes were based on tests conducted with smoking machines, which do not repli cate how people smoke.

The machine smokes range of cigarettes mechanically at the same time. Once a minute it a takes a two-second puff that draws in 35 millilitres of air and smoke from

Benefits cut by puffing more and blocking filters, reports Ian Murray

each cigarette until similar butt lengths are reached. The amount of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide drawn through the cigarette are then calculated. The results of these mechanical tests show that, for example, a cigarette that has 80 per cent filter ventilation produces a puff that is 80 per cent air from the vents and 20 per cent undiluted smoke.

The researchers said, however, that in real life smokers tended to block the vents with

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tors that determined the rate at which nicotine was absorbed were the porousness of the paper, and chemicals that altered the burn rate of the

The scientists said that research was difficult because of the many variables involved. But they say in Tobacco Control, a specialist journal for the medical profession, that smok-ers can and do satisfy their addiction to nicotine from even low-yield brands by closing the

"Some cigarettes contain about twice as much nicotine as other brands, indicating that tobacco types or blends and tobacco casings can sub-stantially manipulate nicotine content of cigarettes," the report says.

It also complains that tobacco firms' tests are cloaked in se crecy. "It is lamentable that consumers or scientists routinely know so little about so common a consumer good that causes so much death and disability. The more the cigarette is allowed to be a black box' - even to government chemists - the easier it would be to fool most of the people if an unscrupulous manufactur-



Norman Cook - alias Fatboy Slim - and the presenter Zoe Ball, his new fiancée

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Brighton rock for the hottest couple in pop

By A STAFF REPORTER

late for her Radio I breakfast show yesterday after she returned from a romantic weekend during which she got en-gaged on Valentine's Day. She said last night she was "chuffed to pieces" after getting engaged to her pop star boyfriend, Norman Cook Her publicist said the couple planned to get married lat-

The surprise amounteement came at the end of Ball's show this morning. Ball, 28; told listeners that her boylinend — better known under his pop alias Fathoy Slim - proposed on Sunday after her afternoon, nap at his scafront home at Hove, East Sussex. He presented her with an engagement

Ball waited for the end of her show to tell listeners: "My boyfriend asked me to marry him yesterday and it is so exciting. I feel completely sick and my stomach's turning over." A Radio I spokesman said: We expect our presenters to

ring she dubbed her Brighton

ZOB BALL was ten minutes: love their music but we didn't expect Zoe to take it quite so literally. Ball spent the day fulfilling plearranged private en-gagements while Cook was at home. He said: "I'm very happy. I wanted to ask her to marry me because I just love her."

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He told the Brighton Evening Argus: "She was in bed having a nap and I was a bit worried that Valentine's She had been morning that i had not bought her a present and then I gave her the ring." The ring is understood to be

a diamond that Cook bought from Tillany's in New York. The couple will appear to gether at the Brit Awards in London tonight. Fathoy Slim is in the running for awards as best British male star and best

The romance has been whirfwind and Cook's proposal came so suddenly that Ball's parents, Johnny and Di, have yet to meet him. "We are both delighted. Everybody tells us he's a wonderful bloke," Mr Ball said yesterday.

LOVE IS ... BY ZOE BALL

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Log on to the prayer screen

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

OFFICE workers are being from existing prayer sites in urged to try a ten-minute prayer session in front of their computer screens as an alternative to "giving up the fags or the drink" for

Jesuit priests in Dublin have launched an Internet prayer service to mark the beginning of Lent tomorrow. They are providing passages of scripture as the basis for the daily devotion. The site, Sacred Space, also offers suggestions on how to pray and advises on body and breathing exercis-

es in preparation. Father Alan McGuckian. head of Jesuit communications, said: "A lot of people spend hours at their computer every day and often these same people have difficulty finding the time to pray. So we're bringing the

prayer to them." He said the site differed

that "it invites you to pray here and now at your computer. He added: "It guides you step-by-step through the prayer and it of fers you something new each day." He recommended it as an alternative to giving up cigarettes or alcohol. He conceded that some office workers might be reluctant to pray in front of their computers. But he added: "We've done some research and people are reluctant at first but most of them found it worked for them when they tried it" Senator David Norris, one of ireland's most promi-

nent Protestants, welcomed the initiative "I think it very important to spiritualise what can often be merely mechanical information systems," he said.

Sacred Space is found at www.jesuit.ie/prayer

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IVF ambition of Labour hopeful

Woman hopes to be MSP and treatment pioneer, reports Gillian Harris

wanted rather than being born into any

recipe or equation of a family?

A LABOUR candidate for the Scottish parliament disclosed esterday that she intends to become the first single mother to have a baby by in-vitro fertilisation in Scotland.

Carol Fox, a trade union official, is prepared to pay up to £15,000 to undergo IVF treatment to conceive a second child at a hospital in Edin-

She had to travel to Eastbourne in East Sussex to find a doctor willing to help her to conceive her daughter. Natasha, 6. Ms Fox. The important thing is that the child is

38, who says she has not met a suitable partr, is keen to have her second child fathered by the same anonymous sperm donor that fathered Natasha. At her selection inter-

view to become candidate for Edinburgh West at the Holyrood elections she told Labour Party officials that she had had a child by IVF.

"New Labour has no difficulty with my lifestyle," sbe told the Daily Record. "I was very open and honest about my per-sonal circumstances. Natasha is not some statement I am making to the world, she's a wee human being. I actually put a great deal of thought into t before I had her,"

Yesterday Ms Fox won sup-port from Malcolm Chisholm, a child who have to wait for this treatment because it is so

the former Scottish Office Minister who became the first frontbench spokesman to resign from Tony Blair's Government in 1997 over single-par-ent benefit cuts. "Carol is a brilliant candidate and a brilliant mother. I'm sure everyone will

admire her determination. But Ms Fox, who works for the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, also faced criticism about her decision to have a baby as a single parent.

Ann Allen, the convenor of the

Church of Scotland's board of

social responsibility, said:

This is a symptom of a con-

sumer society where a child be-

We should not be able to buy

Mrs Allen said that IVF

treatment for single mothers

bypassed the commitment of

marriage and deprived chil-

dren of having two parents.

There are couples committed

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expensive. That should be the her treatment because single priority rather than someone who wants a child without the commitment." However Ms Fox insists that she is as committed to her daughter as any

Ms Fox discovered she had fertility problems when she was 20. A doctor told her that her chances of conceiving naturally were reduced and if she wanted to have a baby she should not waste any time. Without a partner, Ms Fox de-

cided to pursue IVF treatment

before it was too late. "This

was ten years ago and unfortu-

nately in Scotland at that time

"I met closed doors and un-

helpful remarks at every turn so I decided to go to London. I

was referred to Harley Street

and private medical places.

They wouldn't take me be-

cause I was not part of a nice

middle-class couple. Ultimate-

ly I just camped out on the doorstep of a clinic in East-

bourne and I said I was not go-

it was not possible.

women are not entitled to receive infertility treatment on the NHS. It took three years, 12 attempts and £15,000 before Natasha was conceived. Now Ms Fox wants another child. She has undergone nine unsuccessful treatments in England but hopes that she will be accepted into an infertility clinic in Scotland.

Ms Fox said: "Women should be able to choose to have a child or not in whatever circumstances. The im-

portant thing is that the child is wanted rather than being born tion of a family. I get annoyed when I read articles about designer babies. Anyone who has been through the process doesn't approach it in

such a shallow way."

Ms Fox, who works fulltime, said that her daughter was looked after by an au pair until she started school in Edinburgh last year. Now she attends an after-school club when her lessons have fin-

If Ms Fox is elected to the Scottish parliament and has another baby, she says she will make appropriate arrangements. "I will ensure that I am organised enough to do both," she said.



Carol Fox and her daughter, Natasha. Ms Fox wants another child by the same donor

Stolen car back after call from victim

By Paul Wilkinson

A MAN who bought a car so that he could visit his girlfriend in hospital had it returned by thieves after he rang them on the mobile telephone that they had taken with it.

Tim Overend needed the elderly Astra to make a 40-mile round trip to see Georgina Hurst, who was in a coma recovering from a bad car accident. One night, after visiting her as usual in St James's Hospital. Leeds, he had come out to find the car had vanished.

He realised his telephone was still in the car so he rang his own number in the hope of talking to the thieves. "I spoke to a lad and I could hear two others shouting in the back-ground. I asked him if he would bring the car back," Mr Overend, 24, said yesterday.

"Which car?" came the re-ply. "They had stolen three that night." Mr Overend said. "I told him I had to come a long way to the hospital and needed the car to see Georgina." Mr Overend, a plumber. told the man he had taken time off work and bought the car from a friend so he could make the regular trip from his home in Keighley, West Yorkshire. "I didn't give him any mouth — I just told him and

he said he would dump the car in the hospital grounds." Two days later the Astra was found undamaged near the hospital. Miss Hurst, 25, is now in a convalescent hospital where

she is learning to walk again.

Yellow submarine nets fishermen £50,000 bonus

By A Correspondent

THE crew of a Cornish fishing boat have landed a five-figure sum for salvaging a yel-low submarine. The Royal Navy craft was brought in by the trawler Britannia V after it came to the surface off the Cornish coast in March 1998.

At first John Leach, the trawler's co-owner, hid the Hft minisub at a secret location while negotiating with the Navy over his salvage claim. Charles Hattersley, his solicitor, said that experts eventually agreed that the vessel was worth about £200,000.

Mr Hattersley, head of ma-rine law at the Plymouth lawvers foot and bowden, was guarded over the exact salvage reward but it is believed to be in the region of 25 per cent of the value of the minisub, or £50,000. The money will be split six ways between the crew and the two co-own-

Mr Hattersley said: "All in



John Leach with the salvaged minisub

we are reasonably satisfied with this settlement. In all the circumstances my client provided a very good service, car-rying out a difficult salvage extremely carefully and very professionally.

"He was well within his rights asking for a salvage award and the Navy has finalof Defence spokesman said it was "pleased that an amicable out-of-court settlement has been reached with Mr Leach's

Mr Leach said the first he knew of the unusual catch was a call from the boat, "The skipper rang me and said. We're alongside of a yellow submarine'. As you can imagine, I said, You're having

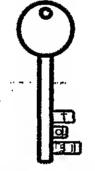
Of his negotiations with the Navy, he said: "I wouldn't say I was holding them to ransom, I just wanted to get some sort of salvage fee."

A spokesman for the Navy confirmed that the minisub Disposal Sobmersible that was lost from the minesweeper HMS Cromer during a search for the Margaretha Maria. Four crewmen died in unexplained circumstances when the Newlyn fishing boat vanished off the French coast in November 1997.

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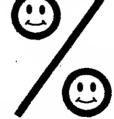
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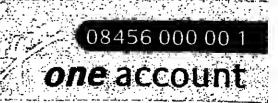


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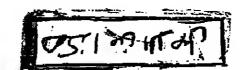


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Trimble faces loss of peace accord majority

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DAVID TRIMBLE'S support- the Sunningdale power-sharers were fast night battling to preserve his slim majority amongst Unionist assembly members before today's key vote to ratify the proposed structure of Northern Ireland's new executive. At least two members of the

First Minister's Ulster Unionlem." one said. ist Party were threatening to desert him. That would eliminate for the first time his 30-28 majority over Unionists in other parties who oppose the Good Friday peace accord.

Mr Trimble would still command the 40 per cent support amongst all Unionist memhers required for this and other major votes, but losing his outright majority would be a serious symbolic blow.

It would inevitably provoke comparisons with the crumbling of Unionist support for Brian Faulkner, Northern Ireland's Prime Minister, before

ing executive collapsed in 1974. Sources close to Mr Trimble argued that the evident fragility of his support would increase the pressure for 1RA disarmament. "If decommissioning was starting you would not have this confidence prob-

lan Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, claimed that if the majority of Unionists voie against Mr Trimble "he has no more moral power to continue in office".

Today's vote will in princi-ple enable Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, to trigger the so-called d'Hondi mechanism dividing the ten ministerial portfolios between the UUP, the nationalisi SDLP, the DUP and Sinn Fein. Mr Trimble believes Unionists must take that step so the IRA has no excuse for not

disarming. His officials insist

Dr Mowlam will not proceed without Unionist consent, and that if she does the UUP can still block the executive's estab-

One UUP dissident, Peter Weir, confirmed he would vote no. Another, Roy Beggs Jr. may well follow suit; the posinon of two more is unclear. Yesterday's passionate de-

bate was coloured by Bertie Ahern's partially-retracted re-marks on Sunday in which the Irish Taoiseach asserted that Sinn Fein's entry into the executive would have to be preceded by decommissioning. Gerry Adams sought to dismiss the remarks, but Mr

Trimble told the Assembly: "Whilst the pill was being sugared for some people in the course of the day, don't let them think the issue can be evaded. It cannot."

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David Trimble and Gerry Adams keeping their distance at Stormont yesterday

IRA calls halt to beatings

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE IRA has halted all punishment attacks in Northern Ireland in the face of widespread condemnation and International's planned investigation.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said that apart from one possible incident late last week there had been no republican heatings or shootings since February 2. Io January there were 17.

The Ulster Volunteer Force has also stopped its attacks, ac-cording to Families Against Intimidation and Terror, the human rights group. However, the Ulster Defence Association and other smaller loyalist groups have carried out 15 beatings and shootings this

Politicians said the IRA's cessation showed that republican leaders had the power to stop when it suited them, and that the IRA was susceptible to outside pressure.

Conservatives and Unionists have seized on the attacks to challenge Sinn Fein's commitment to exclusively demo-cratic means, and to demand that prisoner releases be halted. Amnesty International announced its investigation on February 3. Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary has privately admonished Sinn Fein and the loyalist political parties.
"If at last Sinn Fein-IRA is

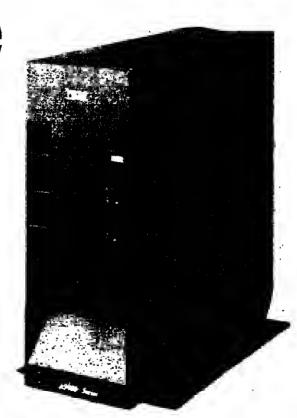
recognising the unacceptabili-ty of mutilation beatings and are responding to public opinion, that's a major step forward," said Andrew Mackay. the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary who first raised the issue in the Commons.

Harry Barnes, a senior Labour backbencher who had called for prisoner releases to be suspended, said the IRA had been "shamed by people power into stopping barbaric beatings". He added: "If the IRA can stop breaking limbs they can start to decommis-

Vincent McKenna, Fairs spokesman, said of the IR and UVF: "Public and international pressure has now got to the two terrorist organisations who have a political investment in the assembly. They realise they can't have one foot in the corridor of democracy and the other in the alleyway of murder and mutilation."

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Tories are Samaritan party, says Hague

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WILLIAM HAGUE claimed yesterday that the Conservatives would become the party of the "Good Samaritan" as he said it was time to move to a new, caring agenda. In his first big speech since

his visit to meet George W. Bush Jr., the Governor of Texas famous for his "compassionate conservatism", the Tory leader said that people were now looking for a change in the Conservative Party. There is a rising concern about national identity, about community, about order, about the work ethic, about Mr Hague told Ontario Con-servatives in Toronto.

The Tories would respond to this "values agenda" by giving people and communities more power and not letting "small elites" create international institutions that only they can influence, Mr Hague said.

Referring to the Good Samaritan parable he said: "The Conservative Party is not going to walk on the other side. We are going to reach out."

Mr Hague said it was vital to start out by listening and un-derstanding. "And from this base we are going to recapture from the Left the words like caring, like compassion, like fairness, words that they, with decades of failed social policy behind them, simply do not de-serve to monopolise."

Mr Hague said it was Mar-garet Thatcher who pointed out that if the Good Samaritan had not been a wealthy man he would not have been able to help the poor victim. "She was absolutely right." Mr Hague said. "My determination is to ensure that when the Samaritan is wealthy he doesn't cross by on the other side of the street My Conservative Party is going to reach out."

Michael Gove, page 20

Maude attacks 'stealth' taxes

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By James Landale
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tories called Gordon Brown a "pickpocket Chancelfor as they launched a campaign yesterday to highlight what they called Labour's hidden £40 billion tax rises.

Francis Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, claimed the Government had in successive Budgets imposed tax increases oo cars, petrol, tobacco, pensions, insurance and house-buying. He demanded improved price labelling to show consumers how much of their spendiog on petrol, cigarettes and alcohol went in tax. He also called for the In-

lated Relatione to send every of how much they have paid in income tax and national insurarice. Mr Maude, who is planning a long campaigr against stealth taxes accused Labour of breaking its pre-election promise not to increase taxation.

He published figures from the Commons library showing projected indirect tax increases worth more than £40 billion by the next election.

Downing Street denied that the tax increases were secret. We are confident that people are significantly better off as a result of the policies taken over the last two years."



Maude: produced figures showing £40bn tax rises

Morgan in poll position in Wales

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

RHODRI MORGAN'S position as the people's favourite to become leader of the Labour Party in Wales and First Secretary of the Welsh assembly has been confirmed by a new opinion poll.

More people back the MP for Cardiff West for the leadership than support Alun Michael, the Welsh Secretary, and even more said they would vote Labour in the assembly elections if Mr Mor-

gan was chosen for the top job. Fifty-five per cent supported Mr Morgan as Welsh party leader compared with 16 per cent for Mr Michael. Tony Blair's preferred choice. Among Labour voters, Mr Morgan's support was 57 per cent compared with 19 per cent for Mr Michael,

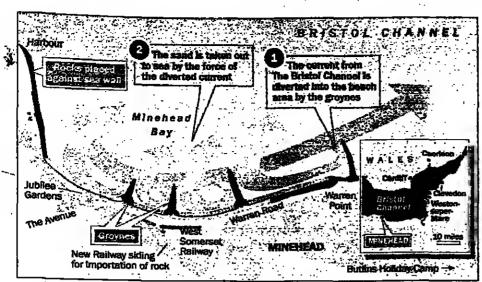
if Mr Morgan led the Labour Party for the assembly elections, some 64 per cent would vote Labour, compared with 55 per cent if Mr Michael

was Welsh party leader. The Labour Party retains a

commanding lead in Wales but it is clear that more people will vote for Plaid Cymru than at the general election. There is little comfort in the HTV/NOP poll for the Conservatives, who appear to have gained little ground since losing all their Welsh seats at the

last election. According to the lelephone poli of 1501 voters, the Welsh Nationalist Party, led by Dafydd Wigley, is set to double its vote from 10 per cent at the general election to 20 per cent. This would almost guarantee a Plaid win at Carmarthen East, held for Labour at Westminster by Alan Williams. This is also the seat Labour has calculated it must lose for Mr Michael to be elected on the proportional representation list for Mid and West Wales. There is also evidence that people might be prepared to switch for their second vote on the PR list, with Plaid Cymru and the Liberal Democrats expected to pick up the votes.

Cally THE TIMES TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16 1999 Sands rui Sands run out for seaside resort



THE Somerset resort of Minehead may never have been able to guarantee sunshine to go with the sea but it could always boast of its sands. A golden carpet stretched as far as the eye could see when the wa-ters of the Bristol Channel retreated at low tide.

But the resort is fast losing the principal ingredient of a traditional bucket-and-spade holiday. A £12.7 million coastal defence scheme is stripping Minehead's beaches of their sand, leaving the town's tourist industry in turmoil.

Instead of sand, guests at the nearby Butlin's holiday camp, together with hundreds of visitors to seafront guesthouses, will find themselves crossing vast expanses of clay and rock-strewn mud to get to the water this summer. Plans by the Environment Agency to bring in thousands of tonnes of sand have been postponed because of a shortage of funds.

The coastal defence scheme was instigated by the agency two years ago after sections of a 1.8-mile sea wall were wrecked by storms in 1995. Phase one was to raise the sea. wall by half a metre and build four long groynes to reduce. the impact of incoming waves. More than 100,000 tonnes of boulders, some weighing 20 tonnes, were taken from the Mendip hills and laid in lines leading out into the bay. A network of steps and ramps was built from the promenade down to the sands.

The work was successfully completed ahead of schedule

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Shortage of cash leaves Somerset

coastal works half finished, reports Simon

de Bruxelles in June last year but had an unexpected effect on tidal movements. The strong currents coursing through the Bristol Channel have been diverted

by the groynes, scouring the sand from the beach and wash-

ing it out to sea.

The problem might have been solved if phase two of the scheme, to extend the existing beach with 300,000 tonnes of sand and shingle dredged from the bottom of the Bristol Channel, had gone ahead as planned. The work was to have been completed by April but the Environment Agency now says it cannot afford the £2.5 million cost before the holiday season, during which 600,000 holidaymakers nor-

£90 million tourist trade. Yesterday furious civic groups and hoteliers said the scheme had turned the pretty seaside town into a "battle-field". Chris Dyer, a spokesman for the civic pressure group West Somersei Watchdogs, said: 'The new sand was meant to be put in straight

away but we have been left in

mally contribute to the town's

limbo. The tourists who come here and want to use the beach are not going to be happy. The beach changes every day but there is very little sand left and it is not being put back. We need a beach that is attractive, not just a sea defence system." So much sand has been

washed away that there are gaps between the bottom of the new steps and the beach. Kevin Escott, secretary of Minehead lifeboat station, said: "It's a disgrace. There are huge clumps of black clay and if children play in them they are going to get filthy. They have done a good job of the sea wall but we were promised the sand by the summer and this has come as a bit of a blow. The sand was the loing on the cake but now the place looks like a battlefield.

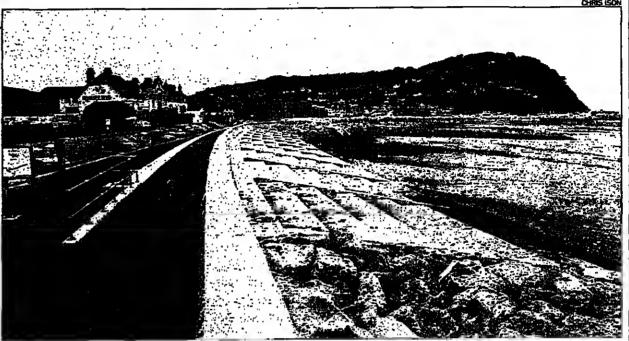
It was hoped that the defence scheme would rejuve-nate West Somerset, where 60 per cent of jobs rely on holidaymakers. It coincided with a £40 million facelift of Butlin's Somerwest World.

Malcolm Higgins, runs the Wyndcott Hotel, said: We had hoped to remarket Minebead this summer but no-body seems to know when the sand is arriving, which is causing some concern to us. There is sand in some places but in other places there is none at all. It will not make a good im-

The Environment Agency is now in talks with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, which was to have funded a large part of the project.



The sandy beach at Minehead before the work, above, and below, expanses of mud and stone divided by the groynes



Martin Weiler, the agency's southwest spokesman, said: "It was always our intention. and still is, to complete the project by the summer. However, funding problems have arisen. We do not have the funds we would like. We have raised this with MAFF but we cannot give any guarantees."

He insisted that there was no danger of the "new" beach being washed back out to sea like the old one.

He added: "The groynes were put in place to stop the new beach moving. The beach will be much higher and the waves will break earlier. It is a whole different set of dynamics," John Loveless, a senior lecturer in the department of civil engineering at Bristol University and an expert in tide management, said: "The groynes are diverting the tidal currents from further out in

the bay. "They are swept into the bay and because they are stronger

they pick up more sediment from the sea floor. It is a bit like opening an umbrella in a wind tunnel, you create diver-sions of the flow. If the groynes are virtually buried by the new sand I think this may be avoided but if I had designed the system I would not

have built them so high."

NEWS IN BRIEF

All-British balloon set for lift-off

The only all-British round-the-world ballooning team is expected to lift off in Spain tonight in spite of a ban on them flying over China. Andy Elson, the co-pilot and engineer from Wells, Somerset, has strapped two tonnes of kerosene to the Cable and Wireless balloon's side to have a chance of enduring a long detour south of the country.

Noye appeal

Kenneth Noye, wanted in Britain for questioning over the M25 "road rage" killing, has appealed against his extradition from Spain. Pelayo Hornillos, Mr Noye's lawyer, said his client contended that he had been illegally identified.

Man sought

Police want to question Phillip Poole-Warren, 42, after two women were raped in Milton Keynes. He is between 5ft 10in and 6ft 2in, bald on top with thinning blond hair, protruding ears and scars on his skull, nose and arms.

Police call

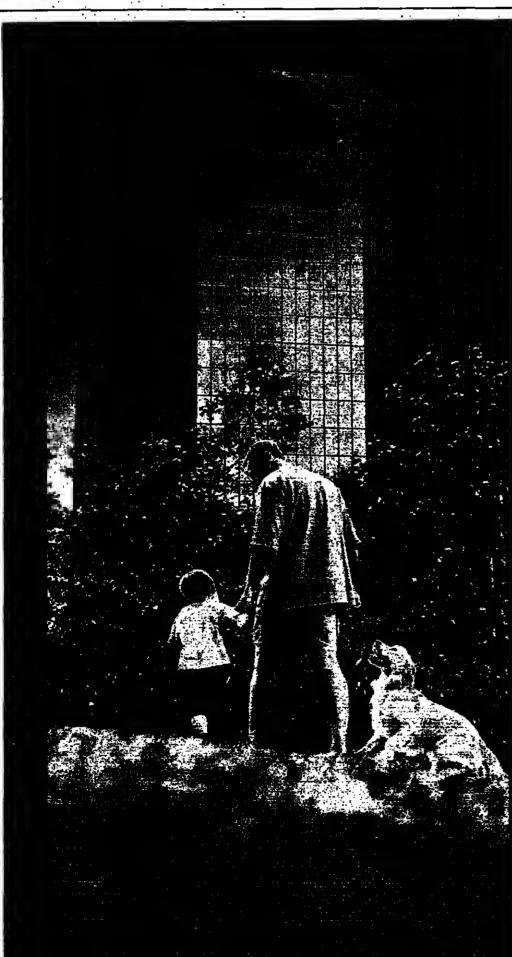
A search for five Manchester policemen who spent a night lost in the snow on Creag Meagaidh in the Highlands was halted after they reached a farmhouse and called local police on 999. They were later picked up by helicopter.

Pack of trouble

Linda McCartney's vegetarian sausage rolls have been criticised for excess packaging in a survey by trading standards officers, prompted by new rules that carry fines up to £5,000. McVitie's, the maker, said the packs met the guidelines.

Leading question

Dog owners exaggerate the friendships made through their pets, says Glyn Collis, a psychologist at Warwick University. In a survey, 40 per cent said they made friends in chats on walks but they could not name the people they met.



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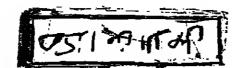
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Albright under fire in peace talks

EU irritation with US fuelled by advice to Kosovo rebels, reports Tom Walker from Rambouillet

EUROPEAN diplomats in Paris accused Madeleine Albright yesterday of having a poor understanding of the Kosovo problem after the US Secretary of State suggested to an ethnic Albanian negotiator that he should adopt Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, as a role model.

American officials rushed to smooth over any controversy. but the remark served to draw out European discontent at the heavy-handed American push behind the Kosovo peace talks. Quite honestly, she's been unimpressive on the details," said one European Union source involved in setting up Ms Albright's whirlwind weekend inspection of proceedings at Rambouillet and her meetings with EU and Contact Group ministers.

"It's clear that she hasn't grasped the full deal under discussion. but having said that.

she has massive She can say, clout - she's the one who can say sign this to the Serbs. 'sign this, or we' or we'll Il bomb the hell out of you"." bomb the The backlash

against Ms Alhell out bright came after her briefing of you? late on Sunday to journalists fol lowing the Contact Group press conference. She described how she took

aside Hashim Thaci, the Kosovo Liberation Army's 29-year-old negodaring leader. and told him Mr Adams's metamorphosis from a champion of armed struggle to a propo-nent of peaceful dialogue was an example to follow. American officials said Ms

Albright had tried to charm both sides: she had reminded Serb leaders of her Belgrade childhood, and of how her Czech diplomai father, who loved Serb songs, had said that, If he had not been born Czech, he would have liked to have been Serb.

It was the Adams comment, however, that sparked a diplo-matic fluster. "I can't imagine why it would raise hackles," to the talks. "We're just trying to suggest that people who

have abandoned military means and turned to political goals is right in line with what will succeed here. We're not trying to draw any direct comparisons with Northern Ireland, although there are similarities in the decommissioning of weapons that we want in Kosova

"We need to look for models, and Dayton and Bosnia may not be as good as other examples elsewhere in Europe ... Look at the Good Friday agree-ment: we have to explain the process to the KLA in whatever way we can. We're trying to rell them that they don't have to stay out in the forests with

their guns." Any aptness of the comparison was lost on KLA representauves outside the talks, who yesterday were busy setting up an official Rambouillet office to keep in satellite contact with

events in Kosconsidered like an army by the Kosovan people and it will stay like that. It won't become a Sinn Fem," said Pleurat Sejdiu, the KLA's poliocal representative for foreign relaalks with the high command

and it would be wrong to disarm the KLA now."

The talks were beset by problems yesterday as President Milutinovic of Serbia reiterated his Government's opposition to the proposed Nato-led Kfor peace implementation force, and the Albanians tabled a proposal that the KLA be transformed into a "national guard" to operate alongside a Kosovo ethnically representarive police force.

Negotiators were encouraged, however, by Russia's agreement to turn a blind eye to military discussions, and to allow Nato to be written into security annexes to the peace agreement. Russia will not be party to any annexe giving details of the Implementation force, but diplomats insisted it remained united with the five Contact Group partners on the overall peace plan.



Fourteen British Challenger tanks are transported by rail to be loaded onto the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel, Sea Centurion, at the German port of Emden yesterday for peacekeeping duties in Kosovo, as confidence grew within Nato that a deal between the Serbs and ethnic Albanians will be signed by the end of this week. British military personnel also loaded 17 Warrior armoured lighting vehicles, 34 Scimitar command and reconnaissance vehicles and 27 other armoured vehicles of the Royal Engineers.

Life in death's shadow for family in no man's land

NO MAN'S LAND is transformed from stilloess to chaos in an instant. One secood a group of vitlagers is stepping cautiously down a country lane between Serb and Kosovo Liberatioo Army positions, the fields silent, the next the bullwhip crack of

guofire catalyses the scene into one of frantie flight. Two girls are caught out by the shooting on open ground. flying around them. A man. a

relative, is shouting at them

Anthony Loyd in Obrance witnesses the daily fight for survival of villagers caught in the Kosovo crossfire

from a house beyood, telling them to get down. They dive and flounder around, but the fire puffs up the snow by their

From the sanctuary of an

armoured Land Rover I am

watching them with the detached curiosity of the very safe. I wonder how they feel. I wonder how the man feels, folding drams. They live.

straddles KLA and Serb front lines half a mile outside Podujevo, about 16 miles oorth of Pristina. Of all the houses in Obrance, the home of these two girls, members of the Uka family, appears to be in the worst possible place de-tached from others, in the middle of a barreo field, flanked oo two sides by Serb

troops, on a third by the KLA. "Since September last year pressure here," ex- in the domestic variations of plained Have, at 20 the elder gunfire. Tank and shellfire

of the two girls. "We are fear-ful even to go in our garden." What you saw was not so bad. Three times before it has been even worse than that,"

as yoo saw. I have no weapon and could do nothing." . All seven members of the

said Smajl, their cousin, the

man I saw arging them to cov-

er. He laughs, but it is a hol-low sound. It is hard. A man

can't belo in a situation such

killed three men in ooe go from their village.

There is not much to do each day. Once they have seen their father and ooe brother run across the fields to get to work each morning, relaxing until it is time for them to try the route home again, the young hang around, talk and oke waiting for the day when they can do something



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French charge friend of terrorist leader

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

A FRENCHMAN believed to be a close associate of the Islamic militant millionzire Osama bin Laden, who is wanted in connection with the bombing of two US Embassies in East Africa last August, was arrested on January 18 at the Gare du Nord as he boarded a Eurostar train for London, it was learnt yesterday.

Ahmed Laidouoi, 30, who is French of Algerian parentage, has been charged with crimi-nal association with a terrorist enterprise, police said. They insisted that M Laidouni had "no direct link" with the bombing of the embassies in Nairobi and Arusha, which the US claims were organised and financed by bin Laden, and his exact connection with the Saudi dissident was not clear. Born in Montfermeil in the northern suburbs of Paris, M

Laidouni was a petty criminal before joining the Muslim side during the 1992-1995 Bosnian war as a mercenary. He is believed to have at-

tended weapons and explosives training camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan: He visited London last year to obtain visas for those countries. Europe I radio said yesterday that his arrest was prompted by the CIA which had supplied France with a list of suspects who had undergone training in the camps.

He was sought by the antiterrorist judge. Jean-Louis Bruguière, in connection with an investigation into forged documents.

When he was arrested, M Laidouni was carrying coded information that investigators are trying to crack.

Bin Laden, who was indicted in the United States in connection with the embassy bombings which killed 274 people, was yesterday reported to be hiding in Afghanistan after being snobbed by the Taleban's leader.



Iceland's role as a base for BS2s guarding Nato's forward defences has diminished

Iceland finally warms to its Cold War role

THE end of the Cold War is producing shivers in Nato's coldest country. Iceland, the illiance's smallest member, fears that Nato will pull out of its once vital base in Keflavik. leaving Iceland defenceless.

Suddenly Icelanders, who once held regular demonstrations against the American presence forbade Washington to send black servicemen to the island, and banned US troops from Revkjavik for fear that they would seduce Icelandic girls, are desperate to block any proposed cuts.
leeland has discovered a

new love for Nato. Politicians praise the base and visit its commanders. Ordinary people who once held up placards to denounce visiting ships are on the quayside to welcome Nato visitors into town. And the tiny country that once flirted with pacifism and neutralism is now among the most enthusiastic supporters of the Nato alliance.

The reason is simple. Without the "Iceland Defence Force", as the US garrison is called, the wealthy island with a population of 270,000 would be defenceless. It is not the unlikely prospect of a foreign invasion that frightens people, but the threat that a terrorist group could hold the country to ransom. Without a credible armed force of its own, iceland, which was once the host

of the Reagan-Corbachev sum-

mit could never stage an inter-

national summit again.

Michael Binyon

reports from Reykjavik on fears over Nato

base's future

The Americans man a base that once played a vital role in patrolling the North Atlantic. securing the strategic approaches to Europe and hunting Soviet submarines in the

waters of the Arctic. ·But now the submarines are tied up in port, the probing flights into the Nato airspace have stopped and the Russians are themselves party to Nato deliberations. Keflavik, already ranked on the lowest Nato priority, is now vulner-able as US senators, fearful that Pentagon cuts would close employment-giving bases in their home states, point to pos-

sible closures overseas. The defence agreement is open-ended, and locland and America have signed an agreement guaranteeing the future of the base until 2001. But already the forces are being run down. There were once 3,000 US Navy and Air Force personnel in this mixed-force base; now there are only 2,000. and other Nato diplomats be-lieve the US Air Force may pull out altogether

The economic consequences

Troops have been allowed into the capital — though not in uniform — for a decade. I celand

come back

ers are less fearful of a Yankee invasion overwhelming them. But no one is predicting what will happen after 2001. Only a new Russian threat could really revive Keflavik's role as one of a girdle of bases

guarding the North Atlantic.



Bill King leaves Jasper County Courthouse in a bulletproof vest and shackles during jury selection, which took several weeks

Racist murder trial forces Texans to face their past

Unwelcome media spotlight falls on sleepy town of Jasper, Damian

A FEW days ago the people of Jasper in east Texas gathered at the town cemetery and tore down the iron fence that had separated the graves of black people from those of white, dividing the population even in death for as long as people had been buried there.

Whitworth writes

It was an attempt to show the world that not all residents of this little town are racist murderers. It came too late to save them from occupying their own grim chapter in the bloody history of American race relations.

In Jasper County Court House today, a white supremacist will be the first of three defendants to go on trial for a killing as horrible as any in recent memory. Bill King was one of a drunken trio who picked up James Byrd, a 49-year-old unem-ployed black man, as he was hitchhiking home in the early hours of a June morning last year. They are accused of giving him a vicious beating, then chaining him to the back of a pick-up truck and dragging him along rough roads to an agonising death.

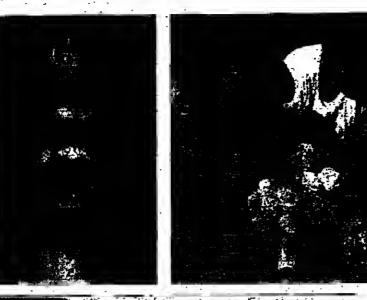
Not only was he alive, he was conscious at that time and he was using his elbows and his body in every manner that he could to keep his head and shoulders away from the pavement." James Gray, Jasper County District Attorney, told the

court during jury selection.

The body was "swinging out right and left like a boat pulling a skier" until it hit something and his head and right arm were sliced off. When police traced the bloody

route, not hard to follow, they found Byrd's torso a mile further on, dumped in the middle of Huff Creek Road next to an old black cemetery. "They chose to leave that body in front of a hlack cemetery as some form of message," Mr Gray

Mr King, 24, who has been described as the ringleader, denies the killing, saying it was another of the three accused flatmates, Shawn Allen Berry, 23. Mr Berry blames Mr King and the third friend, Lawrence Brewer, and says that he tried to stop the murger. The prose-.





James Byrd Jr, who was dragged to death last June; his parents James Sr and Stella Byrd at his grave, and the back of Shawn Berry's pick-up truck, which it is alleged was used to kill him

cution claims that the blood of the dead man was found on the shoes of all three.

Mr King and Mr Brewer appear to be deeply committed to white supremacism. They are heavily tattooed with Ku Klux Klan symbols and swastikas and have been linked to a group called Aryan Brotherhood, which advocates violence in prison awaiting trial, they have joined the Confederate Unights of America, Mr. King has...

forsworn baptism for the pagan worship of Odinism. He has not been a happy prisoner, he has talked of suicide, threatened his guards and been caught trying to make weapons.

During earlier hearings he had to be kept under control in the courtroom with an electric belt capable of immobilising him with a 50,000 volt shock. He has written letters to area newspapers claiming that he. should not be prejudged. He closed

one: "Still white and proud." Until the gruesome murder Jasper was so out of the way in this unprepossessing corner of Texas and so unheard of that its only claim to fame was that General Custer once bivouacked here on his way back from the Civil War in 1865.

It is a poor town, with a conspicuous number of rundown shacks, where everyone does seem to know everyone. Jury selection took weeks as prospective jurors were released



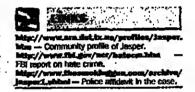
because they had once taught the defendant or employed him to fix the roof.

Over a breakfast of bacon, eggs and grits in Texas Charlie's diner yesterday, one good old boy in old sneakers and a slightly grubby bomber jacket gave a tired smile. We just want to get this over." he said. "Now I better not say any more — I'm the judge trying the

Judge Joe Bob Golden, known to everyone in the town where he has lived for nearly 40 years as "Joe Bob", has remained remarkably calm as the world's eyes turned to his little 19th-century courthouse. He has arranged for a hall to have an audio relay from the court for the huge media contingent, and he is overseeing tight security.

Last summer, after the murder. there was an angry clash in Jasper between the New Black Panthers and Klansmen. The Panthers, planning a show of strength today, have been banned from coming within two blocks of court.

The Byrd family say they have forgiven his killers. "Why should I hate in return? That would be what the men who killed my dad did. and I'm not like them," said Jamie, 17, his daughter. But they will not forget. Nor, it seems certain, will America or the rest of the world forget Jasper. "A small town - not to mention an entire nation - is forced to look deep inside at the most undesirable parts of itself and come to grips with ugly traits many thought had long since been left behind by social evolution, but are most obviously still deeply embedded," said Michael Journee, managing editor of the Jasper NewsBoy.



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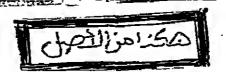
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Trail in French forest murder takes new twist

THE mystery of the Fontaine-bleau fiance murders — one of France's most notorious unsolved crimes, which has baffled police for more than a dec-ade — took another unexpected turn when a law student who confessed to the crime on Saturday retracted his confes-sion yesterday.

Cedric Mabille, 28, a student of criminology, was arrested on Thursday evening and confessed to the murder of Gilles Naudet. 25, and Anne-Sophie Vandamme, 24. His father, Jean, a retired airline pilot, and a family friend known to be a poacher were also arrested and placed under investigation for murder. M Mabille, from Gironville near Fontainebleau, is a known poacher obsessed with guns and military uniform who abandoned his training

as a gunsmith to study law. As police congratulated themselves on having finally caught the murderer. M Mabille, who gave several accounts of the killing over the weekend, some of which implicated his father, yesterday denied committing the mur-der, saying he was in another part of the country at the time. In October 1988, the engaged couple had packed a picDouble killing has baffled

police for years, Susan Bell

writes in Paris nic and set off from their home

in Versailles for a romanoc stroll through the forest of Fontainebleau with their dog. Dundee. They never returned. In December 1989 a medium directed police to the site where the bodies were eventually found. A patrol searched the area but found nothing.

It was not until January 10 that the bodies of the lovers and their dog were discovered by a forest warden. The remains were concealed in a shallow grave in a lonely part of the woodland. The couple had been shot. Naudet four times and his fiancée with a single bullet to the back of the head. Dundee, a Pyrenean mountain dog. had also been shot. The bullets all came from .22 sporting rifles. A silencer of the type used by poachers was found near by.



Gilles Naudet and Anne-Sophie Vandamme: they vanished while on a picnic in Fontainebleau forest

showed that two rifles had been used, suggesting that the murders were the work of more than one person.

The case became a cause célèbre which took on surreal proportions as investigators followed up bizarre leads. Suspects ranged from latter-day Druids, a Portuguese garden-er, and a family of Spanish poachers to a couple who regularly laid flowers on the site where the bodies were found. Investigators concentrated on a terrorist link after police

discovered a cache of explo-sives and drugs buried near where the bodies were found. Investigators became mired in thousands of statements from suspected poachers, hunters, gamekeepers and gun enthusiasts. Gendarmes say they have worked on the case

for 200,000 hours and collect-

ed 20 volumes of testimony. The detective in charge of the investigation, Dominique Bellanger, even spent three weeks camping on the site where the bodies were found to soak up the atmosphere.

A breakthrough came last year when police obtained a powerful computer from the Canadian police capable of analysing thousands of pages of testimony and identifying possible contradictions. In January last year, gendarmes arrested 13 people connected to a poaching ring in the forest on suspicion of murder. Eighteen rifles and pistols were seized, but no charges were brought connected to the case,

The motive for the murders is not clear, but it is believed that the lovers may have followed a woodland path left by deer and were unaware that poachers were lying in wait. Investigators say that Dundee was the same size and colour as a young deer. It is thought that the murderer may have mistaken the dog for a doe and killed it, and then murdered the couple to



President and Mrs Clinton share Valentine's Day chocolates aboard Air Force One

her to run for the Senate from

New York - an idea she has

so far not decided to accept,

She was wearing the brooch

as the couple made a rare visit to Air Force One's press sec-

tion during a flight to the

Yucatan peninsula for a

24-hour summit with Mexican leaders on drugs and

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

FOR a year talk was of gifts between President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, but now it was Hillary's turn. The First Lady wore a gold, heartshaped brooch on Valentine's Day. Asked if it was new, sbe replied: "Brand new."
Then she pointed to her hus-

band and smiled. His specially made gift was a tangible emblem of affection after weeks of reports that he was working on repairing the marriage and she was still having out-bursts of anger towards him. trade. It was the first time the President had left the White House since his acquittal on His gesture came as Mrs last Friday.
The White House press of-Clinton was preparing to sit down with Democrats urging

fice refused to say how much he had paid for the brooch because it was a private gift. Mr Clinton also gave Moni-

ca Lewinsky a brooch during ber time at the White House, although he said in his grand jury evidence that he could not remember doing so: A valuer in Washington estimated fts value at \$5 (E3).

WORLD IN BRIEF

Britain imposes arms embargo

Britain yesterday announced an immediate arms embargos on Ethiopia and Eritrea while publicly deploring the resumption of fighting between them (Michael Binyon writes). Tony Lloyd, the Foreign Office Minister for Africa, told Parliament that it would be a criminal offence to sell arms to either side. and called on both countries to restore the ceasefire and resume talks on a sentement within the framework of the Organisation of African Unity. Last week the United Nations Security Council urged countries not to sell arms to either side, but did not impose a full embargo.

Miners' leader jailed

Bocharest Romania's Supreme Court jailed Miron Cozma. the miners' leader, for 18 years on charges over 1991 riots that the miners' leader, for 16 years on charges over 1591 riots that toppled the Government. The ruling — replacing a served 18-month sentence by a lower court — shocked the country. Three weeks ago Cozna led a violent march that ended after be negotiated with Radu Vasile, the Prime Minister. Police may have trouble rearresting Cozna, who claims the courts are under political influence. He had a hero's welcome on returning from jail to his Jiu Valley powerbase. (Reuters)

'Bomber' blown up

Madrid: Pears that a summer bombing campaign would wreak havoc on the Costa Blanca receded after a pensioner blew himself up with a home-made explosive device on the beach at Solot, eastern Spain (Giles Tremlett writes). Police said resterday that the victim. Juan Sarmiento, 63, almost cer-tainly was behind extortion letters sent to Salou and other re-sorts in recent weeks. The letters had threatened to carry out bomb attacks unless payments of up to £500,000 were made.

Reagan's face value



Los Angeles: Republican efforts to memorialise Ronald Reagan will take a leap forward next week with a proposal to carve his likeness into Mount Rushmore, above, beside other former US Presidents in South Dakota's Black Hills (Giles Whiteli writes). The National Park Service claims that the monument is cracking and will not withstand more drilling.

Letters of the law

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WITH ON-SITE TRAINING

US jets strike as

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Saddam

By Michael Theodoulou

AMERICAN warplanes based

in Turkey yesterday bombed targets in traq as one of Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein's 10p

diplomats was in Ankara on a

failed mission to cajole Turk-

ish leaders into stopping allied aircraft using their territory. Baghdad also said that Brit-

ish and US aircraft flying

from Saudi Arahia and Ku-

wait had struck at four sites in

southern Iraq, killing five peo-ple and wounding 22. The Min-

istry of Defence said that four

RAF Tornado GRI bombers

and seven US aircraft had tak-

en action after an Iraqi fighter strayed into the southern zone.

Earlier Saddam had issued



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One of the Kurds who

Kurds in fiery protest survive

FROM JOHN CARR

THREE Kurds attempted to burn themselves to death yesterday during a demonstratioo in central Athens calling for Greece to give political asylum to the fugi-tive Kurdish guerrilla leader. Abdullah Ocalan, who is sought by Turkey.

All three survived as

police guarding the demonstration used the fire extinguishers they had with them. The three doused themselves with petrol and set themselves on fire just as riot police were moving in to disperse the demonstration. Two were reported to be badly burnt.

Jumpy start to Year of Rabbit

James Pringle in Hong Kong reports on China's sense of gloom

as the lunar new year dawns

CHINESE around the world will today celebrate the lunar festival, ushering in the Year of the Rabbit. In the ancient Chinese zodiac the rabbit is regarded as an easy-going ani-mal, promising good fortune, peace and plenty for the year

But at a time when the Chinese leadership is increasingly nervous over a worrying economic situation and growing joblessness that could spark social unrest, this year's celebrations are muted at best. Few Chinese feel there is much to cheer about in this most important of traditional festivals.

On the eve of the new year yesterday, there was a sense of restiveness over much ol this vast country of 1.3 billion and the downbear mood has spread to Hong Kong, where the festive spirit is decidedly lacking. Record unemploy-ment has beset Hong Kong and the former colony is experiencing its worst recession in

more than a generation.

on the mainland, Betjing has stepped up a campaign against political dissent as the leadership struggles to keep a lid on discontent spurred by rising unemployment with the reform of loss-making state-run industries, unpaid salaries and rising crime. While the attitude of most Chinese appears to be one of resignation rather than revolution over frustrated hopes of prosperity and anger at corruption, grumbling is widespread.

Some pundits believe that China will muddle through this troubled year, but others

spiral out of control. "Either things will stabilise or there be complete disaster, said one foreign commercial counsellor. "The leadership is clearly frightened," added a foreign diplomat.

President Jiang has twice given warnings in the past three months that dissident activity would be "resolutely nipped in the bud", and be coupled this with a rigorous crack-down that shocked China's American and European partners who had been pursuing a dialogue on human rights.
The situation has been exac-

erbated by a recent wave of bomb blasts that has killed 31 people and injured more than 100. Police blame the explosions on criminals or wouldbe suicides, but Hong Kong human rights groups claim the incidents are linked to rising tension and social unrest. This year is also one of pol-

itically sensitive milestones. from the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square crackdown on June 4 to the 50th anniversary of the People's Republic on October 1.

The Government has warned dissidents that they risk jail if they persist in efforts to hold a congress of the fledgeling China Democratic Party (CDP), but this has not stopped rights activists from defying the authorities.

What Beijing is concerned about is that simmering dis-

content could find an outlet in the new party which appears determined to challenge the Communist Party's monopoly



Chinese girls dressed as imperial archers prepare for this year's lunar festival celebrations in Beijing

mocked due legal process and meted out long prison terms lor three of the CDPs most militant founders, including 13 years for the best-known dissi-

dent still in China, Xu Wenli Meanwhile, Beijing's prob-lems continue to mount. There has been unrest in the western autonomous Muslim region of Xinjiang: the Dalai Lama.

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, says informal communications with Beijing have been severed with the approach of the 40th anniversary of the Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule; and tension has resurfaced in the South China Sea, thanks to a territorial dispute with the Philippines over

the Spratly Islands. In Hong Kong, a lack of con- bad and there will be more

fidence in the leadership of Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, and a constitutional squabble with Beijing over who has the final say in interpreting the territory's laws, have added to the sense of a

Even Hong Kong's feng shui experts are gloomy, "Life will be hard, business will be

loss of confidence.

pay cuts and retrenchments." Kwong Wai-hung, a feng shui

Dissident released: China released Gao Yu. a dissident journalist, on medical parole yesterday. Gao. 56, returned to her Beijing home for the first time since her arrest in 1993 on charges of "disclosing state secrets" in a Hong Kong maga-

threats that Iraq had the ability to strike at US and British military targets in those countries. It was the starkest warning yet to his Arab neighbours since the build-up to the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq could call on the help and support of "genuine and loyal nationalists' in both countries. Saddam said.

No-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq are the focus of a low-intensity war that began in December after Operation Desert Fox. Washington has relied more heavily on the zones to curb Saddani after the withdrawal of United Nacions arms inspectors.

in response, the Iraqi leader has embarked nn a mixture of high-level diplomacy and lur-id threats to prevent allied air-craft using bases in neighbouring countries. Neither tactic has achieved results, but Washington was dismayed that Turkey, valued as a Nato ally but with an eye to future economic links, agreed to talks with Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, However, Bulent Ecevit, Turkey's Prime Minister, told Mr Aziz that Baghdad should recognise the no-fly zones, comply with UN resolutions and avoid armed conflict with America, Turkish media reports said.

Love-sick Malaysians go hunting for charms of the snake

FROM DAVID WATTS IN KUALA LUMPUR

MALAYSIA is no place to be a snake, especially when it is Chinese New Year. Many locals believe that snake blood is nature's version of Viagra and bunt down the reptiles to ensure the celebrations, and those for Valentine's Day, get the year off

to an auspicious start. Ideally a shot of warm snake blood is mixed with whisky and followed up with a snack of snake gall bladder. The deadlier the serpent the better the results. according to local belief - so the favoured prey is a live cobra. But if there are oo cohras to hand.

then vipers or banded kraits will do. The demand is so strong that even keep up with it.

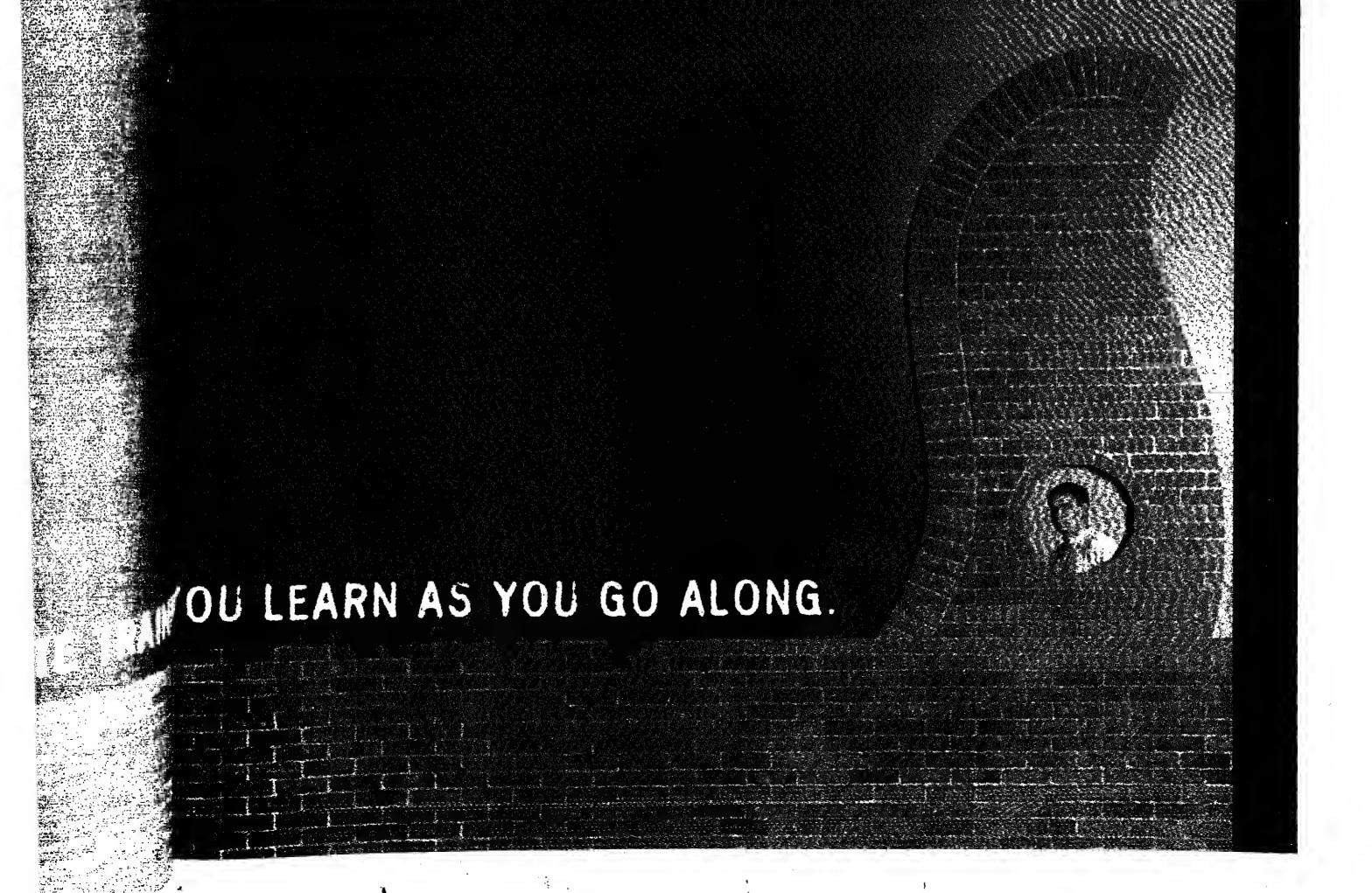
Snake smugglers now bring them in from Thailand. Within the last month enforcement officers in the state of Perlis alone have seized 2,794 poisonous and non-poisonous snakes from smugglers.

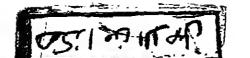
Cobras are designated a protected species, but they are so valuable that

local licensed snake catchers cannot it is worth the risk of prosecution and a fine of M\$3,000 (£500).

The situation is complicated by the fact that catching snakes is legal. Perlis issues about 40 snake-catching licences a month. Each licence, which costs about £8, permits the taking of a maximum of 50. But numbers have fallen dramatically. An old snake catcher, Bidin Mat Hashim, told the New Straits Times that he had caught 25,000 in the past 30 years and could bag 25 a day in the 1970s. Today he is lucky to snare two a day. A cobra fetches M\$120 compared to M\$2.50 in the Seventies.

These are poisonous creatures which can kill people with just one bite," he said. "I don't see anything wrong in catching them."





Train your mind to fight depression

You can liberate yourself by learning to live with your feelings. Anjana Ahuja discovers an unusual therapy

hree years ago Gary Jenkins swallowed 90 painkillers with a pint of milk, then lay down in a park to die. It was his second attempt to escape. once and for all, the continual depression that had enveloped him since adolescence and turned him into a loner, "I thought about suicide every single day," he says. "Because I wanted it to be final, I would contemplate jumping under a train, or throwing myself off a t00ft building.

Racked by violent stomach pains and guilt, he confessed io his overdose and recovered in hospital. Now his life is unrecognisably different. Where before he had never sustained a relationship for more than two months, he is now married and planning a family: the long-distance driving jobs and manual labour have been replaced by a fledgeling career as an educational author, and the itinerant, attachment-free lifestyle he once coveted has been swapped for a settled ex-

istence in Devon.

Jenkins, 39, who had previously tried antidepressants (he collected them for his first suicide attempt), assertiveness courses and cognitive behaviour therapy without success. attributes his remarkable turnaround to an encounter with Dr Clive Sherlock, a consult-ant psychiatrist in Oxford recommended by his GP. Sher-lock's approach was, to say the least, unconventional. "I soon realised that he was advocating the opposite of what I had done before." Jenkins says. "While cognitive behaviour therapists had tried to get me to change my thoughts. Clive would say 'Accept them. Just don't consider them. It is not an intellectual activity, so don't give them the time of day or do anything with them.

self dwelling on the past or thinking about the future. I would take a sharp intake of breath, label them 'thoughts' and go back to what I was doing. I now respond with zero questioning, reflection or contemplacion. It took a long time to get used to it, but it has cleared away a lot of the clutter. I went from thinking of myself as hopeless and awful to realising that it was a complete waste of time to think about these thoughts at all." Sherlock, an affable, energeoc man



Gary Jenkins: suicidal

with sharp blue eyes, is currently spending a lot of time and effort trying to persuade his peers that encouraging patients to adapt to and live with one's feelings, rather than rebuffing, ignoring or acting on them can be very liberating. He calls it adaptation behaviour therapy (ABT). His jour-ney of enlightenment began wben he started out in psychiatry more than 20 years ago and realised that "drugs and psychotherapy were not the whole answer".

"What happens when we feel angry or frustrated?" be suppress them, and feel tense feel frightened or threatened. But saying 'damn' or punching the door doesn't relieve the problem. We react in the same way again, we form habits. We are not adaptive."

He cites an example: a pa-tient, a fellow doctor, had come to him about an incident three months earlier, A romanoc dinner in a restaurant with his wife had been ruined because of noise at a neighbouring table. The waiter declined to intervene; however, his wife did not regard the neighbourruptive. "It was his intolerance to the noise, rather than the noise itself, that was a problem," Sherlock says. "Take the noise away and he would have found something else to be intolerant of. If we can learn to tolerate things, they cease to be a problem.

Doesn't this sound suspiciously like becoming a sop to all the unpleasantries that life throws at us? Sherlock rejects this wholeheartedly. "If we learn to tolerate a feeling, then something changes. It is not grinning and bearing it. It is being willing to let go of the thought 'I must have my own

It is very different, he admits, from the usual therapeu-tic approach: "Medical opinion says patients must face their problems. Well, you cannot tell people who cannot swim that the best way to learn is by pushing them off a boat in the middle of the ABT, which Sherlock has pi-

oneered at his clinics in Oxford and London, is controversial because it is so different. He has yet to publish his work in the prestigious medical journals reviewed by his peers. such as The Lancet or the British Medical Journal. However, he has engaged the interest or uncomfortable. Perhaps we of Dr Chris John, a GP in



Wales who is also involved with the training of young doctors. Concerned by the rates of depression in the medical profession, John has encouraged about 20 doctors to undergo ABT. He says: "Doctors have horror of being labelled 'sick'. But they are keen on ABT because it is a very practi-cal therapy, and it isn't introspective. Doctors generally don't like being counselled."

He thinks that ABT is rapidly gaining credibility in medical circles partly because it has sound, coherent base". He describes h as a physical fitness plan for emotions. "You wouldn't do a 20-mile run without taking a few runs around the block. But most of us try to avoid emotional difficulties. That is why we have such problems coping in a crisis. ABT gives you an increased capacity for coping with mood

Grateful patients are also willing to champion ABT. Among them is Robyn Broome, a 33-year-old social worker from Oxford, who became depressed shortly after having her first child, Jack, two years ago. Her postnatal depression coincided with stresses at work; she was also missing her family in Australia and had a problem with digestion. After two weeks of miserable days and sleepless

nights, she was put on antidepressants. In an effort to come off the drugs, she began seeing Sherlock a year ago.

Much of Broome's anxiety came from being unable to switch off. "I would think about what we were going to have for dinner, where we

would be living next year or about work." Now she coocentrates on the here and now. She says: "I allow thoughts to come in on one side of my head and out the other. I can carry on with things I don't want to do because I don't think about them. I am coping much better with life now. Instead of my stress controlling me, i feel that I have some control back." It required a lot of commitment, and she admits that she was worried about turning into an emotionless robot. But after following Sherlock's advice, she thinks that her fears were misplaced: "I can still express and feel emo-

tions, but I can address them within myself. I do not need to behave dif-If we learn ferently." As Broome quick-

to tolerate ly realised, the key ABT is selfthings, discipline. Sherlock believes that they cease self-discipline over our feelings begins with self-discipline to be a in other aspects of problem why, to start with, recommends

that patients adopt a timetable for the day. His motto for this regime is "Just do it" the finds it rather amusing that the sports company Nike has the same slogan, and claims that he thought of it

"Get up at the same time each day, no matter how you feel. Don't rationalise it, don't give yourself a treat for doing it and don't think about all the household chores you can do before you go to work. Simply

ophy by which most of us live - how we feel controls what we do. His next piece of advice is to not protelephone calls, letters and

get up." This, he says, is de-

signed to counteract the philos-

tasks when you get them. He phrases it more elegantly: Make an effort to respond to whatever calls us." That way, he says, things that preoccupy us and stress us

into normal every day activities. Another recommendation is to pay complete attention to whatever we are doing. Sherlock says: "We spend well over 50 per cent of our lives think-. ing about something other

than what we are doing. For

example, when you eat, don't

out gradually turn

have the television or radio on. Just taste the food."

Lastly, he says, work with your feelings: "When you get a feeling, don't tense up against it. Don't suppress it, express it or distract from it. Say 'yes' to it in your head and simply feel it for a few seconds. That's all that's necessary."

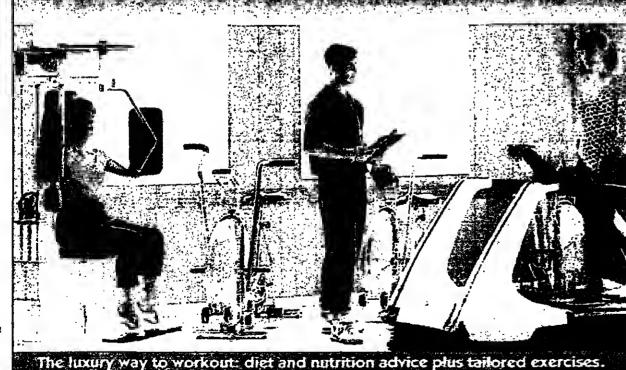
Sherlock is not overly concerned that ABT is still outside the mainstream; what matters is that he can help people to deal effectively with their depression, anxiety, panic attacks or even obsessive compulsive disorder. "What has struck me over the years is how well people take to ABT." be says quietly. "In 20 years I have never had such positive and grateful feedback. I find

that very moving." Gary Jenkins says: "My thoughts used to take over and drag me down. I was living in my head. Now I am not dwelling in the past or considering the future. I am living for the here and now, for this moment in this place in space and

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Why tamoxifen is so special

VIAGRA was devised to treat angina. Its effect on the blood supply to the heart muscle wasn't earth-shattering, but its power to affect the circulation so blood reached parts hitherto starved of nourishment, has turned it into one of the fastest selling drugs ever. Likewise, tamoxifen, the

anti-cancer drug, was one of a group of preparations being vestigated as a contracep tive — a morning-after pill. It didn't work but, just like Viagra, failure became a success. All around the world there are now many thousands of women recovering from breast cancer who owe their continued existence to the drug. Tamoxifen, marketed as Nolradex, is an anti-oestrogen. Interest waned once it was found that it was not the answer to a maiden's prayer.

Dr Craig Jordan had faith in the potential of anti-oestro-gens as a treatment for breast cancer and at Massachusens' Worcester Foundation his research, together with the work of Dr Arthur Walpole of ICl, into the anti-tumour activity of tamoxifen led to the development of this invaluable drug. He has recently updated his book Tamoxifen, which deals with the many questions

patients ask doctors about it. Breast cancer is increasing in Britain but the good news. according to Professor Trevor Powles, the director of the breast unit at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London and Sutton. Surrey, is that despite this, the likelihood of death of a sufferer from the disease has fallen since 1990 by 15 per cent. In his opinion. this reduction in mortality has become apparent too soon for it to be attributed to screening or chemotherapy. This truly dramatic drop in the graph of the mortality is very likely to be the result of the increasing use of tamoxifen," be says.

Tamoxifen reduces the chance of a woman with cancer of the breast from dying from her particular tumour by 30 per cent. The evidence is that this is a persistent effect and the improved likelihood

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DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD of survival remains apparent

for at least 15 years. Not all breast cancers are the same - 75 per cent have oestrogen receptors which can be demonstrated by a simple test in the pathology laboratory. If they have these receptors, the patients, whether pre or post-menopausal, should certainly be taking tamoxifen, however early the diagnosis, for not less than five years. Likewise, there is an argu-

ment for giving chemothera-py to the 25 per cent of women whose tumours don't have oestrogen-receptors. Tamoxifer oot only reduces recurrence of the original tumour, it also reduces by more than 50 per cent the chance of a woman developing another primary breast cancer in the opposite

The Americans are so impressed by tamoxifen that they now license it as a drug to prevent breast cancer in high-risk women. In Britain we are slightly more cautious. So efficient has become the early detection and treatment of patients with small cancers of the breast, that the lives ac-

tually saved by prophylactic prescription of tamoxifen have to be balanced against the side-effects.

Large European trials are

now under way to compare

these risks. The comparativerare side-effects of tamoxifen must always be con-sidered in relation to its efficacy in reducing the death rate from breast cancer. However, there is a small but appreciable increase in endometrial carcinoma - a tumour of the womb - and it has a deleterious effect on the liver equivalent to that of the Pill. Conversely, it lowers low-density cholesterol, and there are two reports of a reduction in heart attacks. In post-menopausal

women tamoxifen makes osteoporosis less likely. There is plenty of other

cer. Patients who have a stage I or stage II tumour when the cancer is still confined either to the breast or the glands in the armpits, have a five-year survival rate of about 80 per cent. In some units the fiveyear survival rate is more than 90 per cent. The earlier the disease is diagnosed, the more likely the patient is to thrive. In America, where screening is well advanced. less than 10 per cent of breast cancers are diagnosed at stage III or IV, when they have already spread further afield.

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Dirt, Dyson and the H-word

James Dyson was nine when his father died. That has driven the millionaire inventor ever since. Interview by Moira Petty

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the truth of reports that he is about to revolutionise home laundering with a superfast washing machine. That didn't come from us," he says. But a lot of domestic appliances haven't changed at all. We're working on several things at the same time." The secrecy at his factory

and base in Malmesbury. wiltshire, where staff are served organic meat-free meals and are enjoined to jog to work, is not surprising. Sales of more than 3.5 million models for his bag free Dual Cyclone vacuum cleaner attest to its status as a modern design classic. But it took 15 years, 5.000 prototypes and doglights with the opposition (one manufacturer bought the technology with the aim of keeping it out of production)

before it went on sale. His company had a turnover of £150 million in 1997 and net assets £16.1 million. Dyson, 52, stands at equal 45th in The Sunday Times Rich List with an estimated £400 million fortune. Yet he says:
"I'm redoubling my efforts and working harder than ever. When

we're working on a new project we have no idea if we'll sell a single one. The uncertainty is what makes it exciting. It's the greatest form of

It is also a quest for immortality. "It would give me a thrill to know that when I'm dead, people will talk of giving the room a Dyson, if only because I don't want them to say they are going to Hoover. The 'H' word is like the 'F word to me. I love the business of domestic chores, washing up and cutting the grass, using the chainsaw and vacuuming. That's how the cleaner start-

But he does not check for dirt in his exquisite honey-coloured stone house in Wiltshire, bought from Lord Puttnam for a reported £3 miltion. "If there's dust there, I'd rather not know."

During the years of struggling he always lived in grand houses. There was a seven-bedroom Georgian house outside . Bath and before that a farmhouse on the Badminton estate in Gloucestershire. "It was a small farmhouse," he protests. The M4 opened up and suddenly we were one and a half hours, not three, from London. We paid £11,000 for it and sold

ames Dyson smiles enig-matically when asked the truth of reports that it for £55,000. I was brought up in Norfolk, which is beauti-ful, and f would have been unhappy stuck in a small flat. I took out énormous mortgages. way more than half of my salary. We always managed to sur-vive but we had no furniture for 20 years. My wife Deidre was constantly complaining that there was nowhere to put

her clothes, but I've never liked cheap cupboards." We are talking in the stone-flagged breakfast room, where antique pine cupboards house an eclectic array of old plates. modern pottery and Match-box cars and train sets. The walls are lined with paintings by Deidre, whom he met at the Byam Shaw art school in the Sixties. Deidre also chose the jewel-like shades of violet, lilac and green that cover the walls in a bold, chalky finish. "We

had great fun doing it our-selves. Unfortunately, it comes off when you rub it." It would says Dyson. thrill me

The cream kitchen with Aga overlooks part of the 50-acre estate. A Dyson - cleaner stands in the utility people say: room, and the washing machine and tumble-dryer are a high street brand.High-tech gadgets are hid-den, though Dyson admits to owning a

> ener. "I hovered for ages over when I was in Japan but I decided not to buy it as all the instructions were in Japanese. There was also a bad-breath detector, which had two grades below acceptable, I wanted to buy a Japanese lavatory that souirts water at you but had to content myself with a heated loo seat."

> A Dyson subsidiary is about to open in Japan, where a Japanese-made Dyson cleaner sells for £2,000. "It does amuse me to see people learning Japa-nese enquette. I soon realised that all that bowing and scrap-ing is no good. I decided to be my normal self, which was outrageous enough for them. The only thing that annoyed them was that I would blow my nose, whereas they snorted. It became a game, with the Japanese saying, put your handkerchief away and my reply-

ing 'stop your snorting'." Dyson has springy grey hair and a lean and hungry. appearance. He is wearing a shirt from the New York outlet of a well-known Hong Kong tailor, and trousers from Voyage, the London shop where only the richest are admitted.



Cleaning up: James Dyson, the inventor of the bagless vacuum cleaner, is rumoured to be working on a superfast washing machine that should add to his £400 million fortune

He has banned formal wear from his workplace. "The suit and tie is an armour. I want my staff to feel relaxed. I want them to think of the consumer as a friend. I want them to come in every day and feel that they can make a difference."

He wavers between the dictator-like traits of a self-confessed obsessive and his natural libertarian streak.

he workplace café is run by antique deal-ers because he thought good taste in objets d'art and food would go hand in hand. "There are no chips or fried food on the menu. It would be a mistake to pretend that everyone is happy but at least there is a theme. I eat chips occasionally, in a

restaurant, but never at home.
We're trying to encourage everyone to walk or cycle in. We're building a smart new bike shed, and there are showers." For staff who come some distance, Dyson is looking for parking spaces a couple of miles away, so they can jog,

obsession with guns. The fact that an li-year-old could get

his hands on a gun is part of

the problem. About 50 million

Americans own a handgun.

Every day, 10 people under 19 are shot dead, some deliberate-

ly, some by accident.

walk or cycle from there. How does he travel? "I drive as we're six miles away." And what kind of car does he have? "I'd rather not say. I'm not very into cars. Oh, all right, it's a Mercedes, but it was the Citreon suspension, which they have, that I was buying and not the car. I'd like to cycle but it could mean a long ride home from meetings."

He bears no grudge against the less active, he says. "Fat people can have get-up-andgo. But we have a preponderance towards employing younger people before they are sullied by other organisa-

Dyson runs "quite hard" three times a week, a pastime he enjoyed as a child. His father, a classics master at Gresham's public school in Norfolk, died in his forties, when Dyson was nine, of throat cancer, "I didn't know any other single-parent families and I felt there was a slight stigma. I felt different.
"I remember when he got

into the bath I used to see the

vivid red disc mark on his chest, the result of the barium treatment. On holiday in Devon I discovered him being violently ill, trying to keep it from us. It didn't hit me immediately. I didn't wonder how I would survive but who would play with me. We used to walk across the marshes. get the boat and sail and there would have been no one to do that or to teach me woodwork. My father had a huge enthusi-

asm for everything. "My mother was a strong character. During the war she

had been one of those people who pushed aeroplanes around on a map like you see in films. Later, when she was 50, she read English at Cam-bridge and was furious at only getting a 2:1."

Only a few years after graduating she, too, died - of liver cancer. "She lasted about four months after the diagnosis. She was able to cuddle our youngest son, Sam, born a few months before she died. It was tragic. It does occur to me that there might be a genetic link. These deaths have made me in

a hurry to do things which perhaps I wouldn't have done otherwise as you never know when you will go," Dyson's three children, now in their twenties, are all designers. They will say that I brought All his best decisions, he avers, have been taken emo-

my frustrations with the business home. I used to see these indulgent looks cross their fac-es when I rushed in with a prototype. To make things work is agony and I thought it was important for them to see that in its rawness." His mainstay has been Deidre, who gave art classes at home when they

were struggling financially. A couple of years older than her husband, she is also slim and youthful-looking with a blonde bob. "I'm wilder than she is," says Dyson. "She's direct and has no artifice."

tively. "A colleague insisted that we should all have psychometric testing. I thought it was a waste of time but it did reveal that I work instinctively. The conclusion was that I don't operate rationally. think just like a woman."

Firearms plus children equals bloodshed. Vanora Bennett reports

arris, aged 9, was rid-ing a bike in the street ing a bike in the street near his Texas home last November when disaster struck. "Michael J. and his friend were just visitin' everybody else in the neighbourhood," recalls his mother, ber voice oddly calm. "They came across Zachary, and this other little boy told Zachary: "There he is. There's Michael J. Sboot him.' And he did. Cold blood. Blam blam. Just shot

hun in his head." Just why an II-year-old --- arrested later - would pull a

Gun culture's deadly curse

gun oo a nine-year-old remains unclear. But Michael's story - part of his brain was destroyed but he miraculously survived — is a heart-rending example of the dangers re-sulting from America's deadly

For children today, bombarded by violent movies on DOVER/CALAIS television, whose heroes always survive duels with death to live happily ever after, the complexities of being brought up in a cul ture where real guns are available are hard to deal with. The result is periodic outbreaks of Lord of the Fliestype horror, in which childish cru-

> power. The worst adult multiple killing to hit US headlines last year took place plump white kids in Jonesboro, Arkansas. On of redneck families as they are March 24, two pre-teen boys attacked classmates and teachers at Westside Middle School with an arsenal of handguns, rifles and semi-automatic

elty is twinned with murderous

weapons, killing five. Widespread reporting on Jonesboro shone the spotlight on inexplicable violence in America. Parallels were drawn with the Dunblane Primary School massacre in Scotland in 1996, in which 16 children and a teacher were shot dead by a lone gunman. The following year the British Government enforced a total ban on privately owned handguns. American gun-control sup-

porters, who blame the large mumber of gun deaths on the easy availability of firearms and lax licensing and safety rules, lobbied for a similar ban in the US. But the killing continues. With so many conflicting views and emotions surrounding the role of the gun in society. America has done nothing — despite the fact that it has homicide levels 10 to 20 times higher than in many other wealthy countries.

For many Americans, the gun is central to their notion of independence. The American right to bear arms is enshrined in the Second Amendment to the Constitution. Bob Kolasky, writing for the Internet magazine IntellectualCapi-

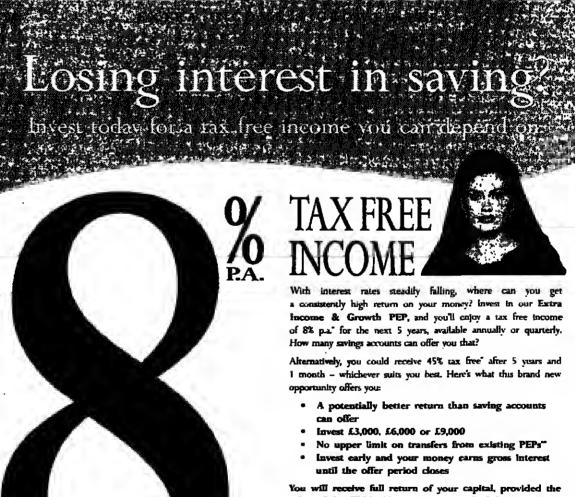
tal.com, tal.com, says.
"Gun control, like abortion and ho-A kid is mosexual rights, is subject to an intrac-table debate. Both sides approach the argument with relilikely to gious fervour." shoot you

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The hold that gun culture has on the state of Texas is revealed in a BBC Inside Story documentary tonight titled Young Guns. It tracks both the

taught, legally, how to use their family's guns for buni-ing, and the skinny black kids from urban bousing projects who - according to the white officer patrolling their neighbourhood - might be dealing drugs. Ruston Alsbrooks, a policeman, says it is the young dealers who scare him most: "A kid is more likely to shoot you than an adult. Kids don't think about it. They figure they're gonna get away with it."As the debate continues. the human toll mounts.

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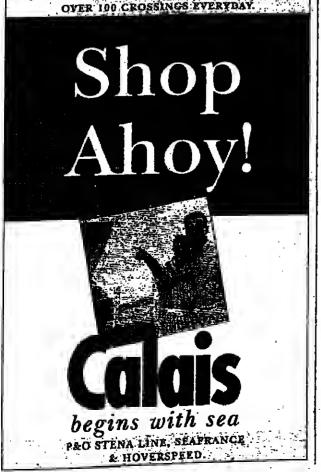
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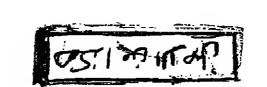
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Forget TV chefs. The way to encourage children to cook good food is to provide it at the family dining table, says Joe Joseph

ontrary to popular per-ception, dining with children can be both enjoyable and relaxing, providing you get the seasoning right by remembering to stir four Nem-butal or similar prescription sedatives into their soup. (Before medically trained readers write in to complain. I should point out that, obviously. I was only joking about adding the four Nembutal: two are usually sufficient).

How have we got ourselves into this gastronomic mess? Tony How Blair's Government has decided that it's because young people have we know only a diet of fast food and microwaved ready-meals that are eaten straight ourselves from tinfoil trays. It is true that if you

were to show these into children the crockery department of Selfthis mess? ridges they would think they were in some museum of an-

cient eating implements chro-nicling an era when human be-ings are with china plates and metal forks rather than with poly-styrene bowls and small plastic stirrers that look like a Lilliputian's lacrosse stick ("Look Mum! Before they invented hamburgers which just dissolved into a paste on contact with your tongue, peo-ple had to hack through them with things called knives.

Microwaveable meals-for-one - combined with hectic work schedules and swelling divorce rates - also mean that the chances of several members of a family all eating together are lower than Dipsy's IQ. Hence a secondary problem: a lack of communica-

In a household where everyone eats when they want, in whichever room they want, the chances of having a family conversation are high only if the house is equipped with conference-dial facilities. So during this week's half-term holidays, the Government is sending television chefs into 36 schools to

into 36 schools to teach children how to prepare healthy sup-pers at home, if the scheme — launched by that dogged cam-paigner for better food, Dame Prue Leith, and by Tessa Jowell, the Health Minister — is a suc-cess, this initial pilot scheme will be extend-ed to 100 schools during the Easter and summer holidays. The first questions

you ask yourself are: does something need to be done? Should the Government be in-volved in doing it? And is sending the likes of Ainsley Harriott into schools to roll his eyes like the drums on a fruit machine going to instil in children a new respect for food? Or is it going to make them think that cooking is some kind of remedial therapy given to Care in the Community patients? OK. let's agree something must

If the Government wants to poke its nose into the food chain. why doesn't it stop food manufacturers and fast-food restaurants producing items that you would



be reluctant to step in, let alone put in your mouth? Selling frozen baked-bean pizzas is the equivalent of hawking mild stimulants to schoolkids. Once they get the taste for it, they'll soon be onto the hard stuff, you know: "Chicken-style nuggets, made from tasty (Legal warning: no manu-facturer liability is implied by use of this term) chicken slurry hosed down from abattoir walls and reformed into shapes not otherwise seen anywhere in nature."

Filthy food and fractured fami-

ly life are two sides of the same problem. Societies that bother to labour over their food are also societies that reap the rewards of meals which are lovingly prepared and lustily eaten: oral gratification, good health and excited (not necessarily exciting) conversation. A family that gathers round the table to eat lustily also

talks justily and - with luck - argues histily, producing the glue of family life. This same glue cements friendships. Good food generates conversation and bonhomie, which in turn create reasons to gather again for more of the same: it's a virtuous circle.

Italians understand the im-portance of food and family. When Italians watch scenes of frenzied family life in a Fellini movie, they don't see fictional exaggeration, they see a documenta-ry. When, in a Woody Allen movie, the family dinner table jangles to an argument over which is the better ocean, the Atlantic or the Pacific, Jews walk out of the cinema saying not, "what craziness that Woody Allen gets up to". but. "can you believe anyone would really think the Pacific was a better ocean than the Atlantic?"
Teaching children to prepare

(one of the dishes on this week's training menu) when supermarket shelves are still full of Cheestrings is doing things the hard way, like teaching them the rules of a game they have never watched. You could spend several frustrating years trying to teach an alien from Planet Zingo the rules and the magic of football; but you could make the alten hungry to learn all these things himself if you took him to watch Brazil play for half an hour. Similarly, if the Government wants our children to appresent the benefits of good for the benefit of good for the g

celery, prawn and apple salad

They'll be begging to learn. You can't start this programme

ciate the benefits of good food, they should be packing them off on enforced trips to southern Italy. Then the point of fresh food

made with good ingredients be-

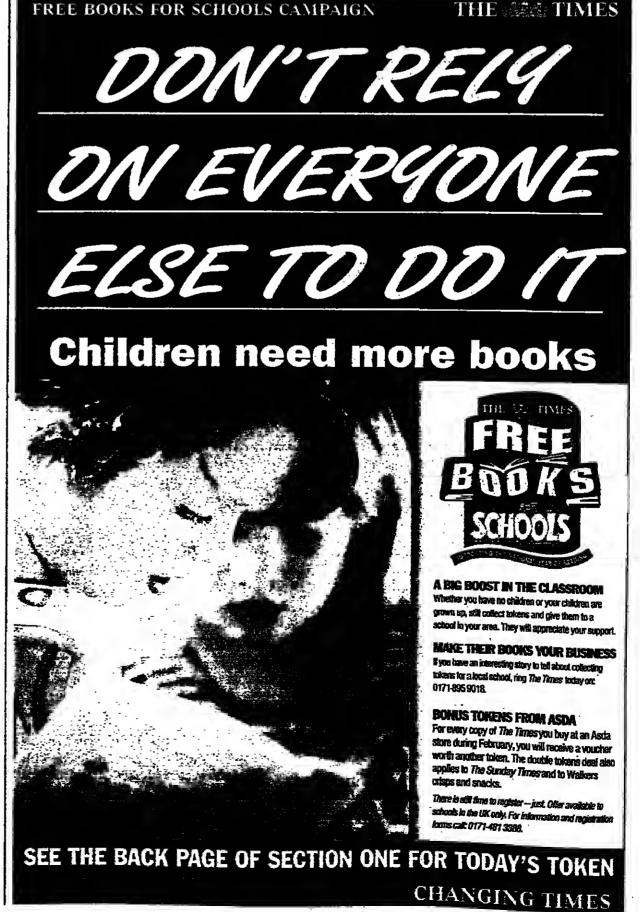
too early. My own children are still a little young to fend for them-selves at the local burger bar, unless they're willing to pester stran-gers to cut up their food for them. But already they must have no-ticed the difference between just eating together and making time

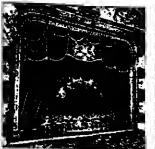
to eat together. Breakfast is usually chaotic in most homes. However, yesterday
- having returned from spendawoke to find the children had laid the table for breakfast just as it had been in our hotel on Sunday morning. Maybe seeing an ornately laid breakfast table—and the chatty start to the day that it provoked—was for them the culinary equivalent of watching Brazil play football. The peanut butter they had streaked through their hair must have been QPR's influence.



Starting tomorrow: the series no parent can afford to miss. Asha Phillips. a child psychotherapist trained at the renowned Tavistock Clinic explains how to say no to your child whether a baby, a toddler, a primary school pupil or a teenager— and why setting dimits is vital is to our Wall Break welleing









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Costner dances with pussy-cats

What movies are Americans going out to see? Giles Whittell begins

a new weekly survey of what's hot and happening in Hollywood

atching Kevin Costner trying to get back on his horse as a movie star is like watching Ivan Lendl trying to win Wimbledon: frustrating. He has the ability, the entourage and the reservoir of long-suffering public support, but he keeps blowing it because deep down he doesn't seem to want it

In Hollywood they have a quicker way of saying this. Costner has an attitude problem, and the attitude is "screw you". It applies to studio executives and audiences alike and it emerged during the making of two of the more disastrous disaster movies of recent times. Perversity and reckless courage were enough — just — to explain the \$175 million whirlpool that was Water-world, but only insolence could account for the more recent Costner debacle, The Postman, which had audiences howling in all the wrong places, even during the trailer, and which caused one critic to write: "Anyone who buys into this has been licking too many

Now we have Message in a Bottle, a big, sloppy Valentine's Day kiss for Costner diehards and a make-or-break film for the man himself. As usual nowadays, he is producer as well as star, having lent his name early on to Denise DiNovi's efforts to turn Nicholas Sparks's bestseller of the same name into another Bridges of Madison County. As usual, Costner is grumpy, or inscrutable, or deliciously taciturn, depending on your point of view. But this time, luckily for Costner Inc. the grumpiness has been sublimated into a love story that could make serious money even inough

not especially good. Gone, for one thing, is the post-apocalyptic rhetoric of The Postman. In this film Costner's character hardly speaks at all. Instead he builds and restores beautiful oak schooners and channels his powers of expression into bottled messages to his dear deceased wife. They read uncomfortably like the insides of Hallmark cards. but when Robin Wright Penn finds one on a Cape Cod beach and inadvertently lets it be published by the Chicago Tribune, where she works, it takes the Midwest by storm.

Penn, wife of Sean, is gorgeous in an unfashionably grown-up sort of way. She can even make a rental car look



glamorous. Arriving in one, she finds her mystery writer in an enchanting oceanfront Victorian house on North Carolina's Outer Banks, where he cooks her a steak ("It's the best thing I do." he mutters, though we never see the proof). Then they fall in love. What follows will activate most tear ducts, and this is some achievement since it involves scant plot and even less dialogue, confirming instead what Napa Valley marketing men have been telling us for years: a swirling halffull glass of cabernet means

Sssh! Thinking in progress." If they are worth it, fragile young stars or Hugh Grants undergoing career reconstruction tend to be given what the industry calls "protection". They are cast alongside charismatic older pros to make them look good. Costner is protected here, but subtly, as belits a strapping 43-year-old former idol with an ego that apparently refuses to recognise the

s most consistent. bulwark is cinematography that often makes Message in a Bottle feel like Out of Africa in fishing sweaters. The North Atlantic coast has never looked better, and nor, for that matter, has the inside of a newspaper. Director Luis Mandoki, who brought you Meg Ryan in the equally syr-When a Man Loves a go Tribune its staff would not recognise, with gleaming cubicles and a staff of relaxed models whose only concern seems to be Penn's character's emotional wellbeing. There is an exception in the excellent Robbie Coltrane. He plays her editor with a flawless American accent — except when he's growling at the office lesbian - and seems to have a lucrative career in cameos ahead of him if only he can get a grip on his alarming girth.

But Costner's chief human support, coming within a wink of stealing the whole film, is Paul Newman, As Dodge, the boat-builder's father, his every ossified glance is a reminder that true stars are simply mov-



After blowing his credibility with Waterworld and The Postman, Kevin Costner falls back on the heavyweight support of Paul Newman for the new and weepy Message in a Bottle

ing models. To get your money's worth you needn't root for them or even listen; only watch. "Newman has reached the stage of his career where he has so much presence and skill to call upon that each new role feels like a gift we are not quite worthy of," the hard-toin Friday's Los Angeles Times. He succumbed to the film despite its sepia-tinted script, but Janet Maslin, his New York Times counterpart, could not. Penn's character, she complained acidly, "is one of those lonely, high-powered career women who, as movies of the late 1990s like to tell us, would secretly be happier digging clams with the right wise, down-to-earth lonely guy".

The kind of guy Costner can undeniably play. Meanwhile, holding his own in a very different sort of genre is Mel Gibson, a far more versatile actor who has chosen to stay in the \$20 million-per-film club by churning out his quota of mediocre action thrillers. His latest is Payback, directed by Brian Helge-land but held over from last year until its release ten days ago so that Gibson could reshoot large chunks of it and make it much more violent. It made \$21 million on its open-ing weekend and will proba-bly go on to make five times as much. That constitutes a hit something Costner badly needs. Whether he truly wants it is another matter.

Deep in the jungle id you ever think you would reach the day when John Travolta

would be cast as a brigadiergeneral, replete with military Did you ever think you would see another film directed by Terrence Malick? That day is here, at least in Berlin, where The Thin Red Line already seems the obvious contender, so far, for the Film Festival's top prize, the Golden Bear.

Not that the rest of Berlin's competition line-up could be considered riff-raff. For the last festival of the millennium. the organisers have hauled in new films by the likes of Robert Altman, David Cronenberg, Siephen Frears, Bertrand Tavernier and Claude Chabrol. We shall see how

they fare in the next few days.

Twenty years have passed since Malick, the director of those immaculate 1970s classics Badlands and Days of Heaven, last shouted "Ac-tion!", years in which the face of mainstream movies has changed almost beyond recognition. Malick, however, has kept faith with his own poetic. mage-driven cinema. Part of the jolt and joy of this adapta-tion of James Jones's war novel about an American unit fighting in Guadalcanal in 1942 lies in its refusal to splatter the audience with sensa-

something stirs

ly as a piece of cinema the film has little to offer, but it is im-

possible not to be moved by

the survivors' horrific child-

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I he sober mood was wel-

come after a day that brought both Manuel

Gomez Pereira's hollow sex thriller, Between Your Legs,

and Thomas Vincent's Karna-

val, a French competition en-

try. Did you know that Dun-

kirk spends much of February

fighting off winter gloom by

parading through the streets

in garish costumes and ladies'

wigs, drinking mightily and shouting rude songs? Vincent, a first-time director, uses the

carnival as background and

catalyst to a modest triangular

drama. Arab misfit loves put-

upon young wife. Boorish hus-

band foams at the mouth. It

passed the time while waiting

for something better.

Something, perhaps, like
Alan Rudolph's Breakfast of

Champions? A Kurt Vonnegut

novel: Bruce Willis in one of

his offbeat roles; a quirky di-

rector on an upswing after the

delights of Afterglow: the signs

looked favourable. It soon be-

came apparent, however, that

The return of Terrence Malick dominates the first of Geoff Brown's Berlin Film Festival reports



Dog soldier: Sean Penn joins the American assault on the Solomon Islands in Terrence Malick's The Thin Red Line

tions. To those used to being led by the nose, the film might seem low on narrative.
There are no leading charac-

ters as such: the story's perspective keeps shifting as Elias Koteas's rifle company face demands from the blunt and am-bitious Nick Nolte to take hill competition from the natural beauty of the Solomon Islands and its inhabitants: the inscrutable alligator, the long grass along which the camera flies so lyrically; the charred bird fluttering towards death. Characters' interior thoughts provide another thread. Where does violence come from? Where does love come from? The Thin Red Line makes you think, feel and see in a subtler, more penetrating way than a realistic war movie such as Saving Private Ryan. Cherish it when the film comes to Lon-

Rudolph and his actors were pushing too hard for their ef-fects. It was also clear that time had rubbed some gloss off Vorinegut's 1973 satire of American consumer society. Willis plays Dwayne Hoover, the car dealer king of Midland City, usually seen smiling madly on lurid television advertisements. But now the smile has cracked. Existential dread steals over him, just as a dishevelled pulp-fiction writer (Albert Finney) is staggering towards the town, possibly bearing the meaning of life. Some moments are worth savouring -- Nick Nolte in red lady's lingerie is not a sight you forget — yet the noise of ancient targets being thwacked to death is pretty deafening.

In a busy festival such as

Berlin's, a disappointment can easily be followed by a pleas-ant surprise. After last year's two Danish films made according to the "Dogma" aesthetic (no production artifice, only a hand-held camera), some of us

other. But Soren Kargh-Jacobsen's Mifune proved so absorb-ing that the Dogma gimmick his seedy family when his retarded brother is left alone on a crumbling farm after their father's death. Advertising for a housekeeper, they get a hooker instead. The title refers to Toshiro Mifune, but to find out how the late Japanese actor fits into the picture you will just have to see the film.

way from the competition, the usual glories, follies and failures are being screened round the clock. Shirley MacLaine is being fêted, the complete works of Otto Preminger are being exhumed. And Aki Kaurismāki. Finland's melancholy jester, is in town with a silent movie. Juha is based on a 1911 novel famous and melodramatic enough to have been filmed three times before. It sounds a bit like Karnaval: young wife is whisked away to the city by a raffish passer-by; lump of a husband sets off with an axe. The removal of words makes little difference to Kaurismāki's laid-back style, but the silence underlines how poverty-stricken modern visual storytelling is compared with

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Glam or sham?

t's St Valentine's Night and libidinous teens are getting to grips with each other in the dark corners of the Saint Francis Xavier Hall, Dublin, while on stage an androgynous individual sings about having sex with a robot. The Jesuit missionary after whom the hall is named is surely spinning in his grave.

This would, I'm sure, amuse Brian Molko, the aforementioned paragon of androgyny, who as lead singer with Placebo is on something of a mission to stir things up by flaunting his sexual ambiguity while tackling subjects of an extreme nature in his lyrics.

But the fact of the matter is that Placebo are a fair to middling amalgam of glam and grunge, using the style manifesto of Ziggy Stardust-era Bowie to add a splash of colour to their hard-bitten guitar sound. On songs such as You Don't Care About Us and Every You Every Me it

works to good effect, but it's hard to dispel the feeling that Placebo are not as good as they think they are. There is still the suspicion that their star may wane with the passing of the Vel-

It's obvious that Molko, bassist/guitarist Stefan Olsdal and drummer Steve Hewitt are becoming an increasingly compact unit, helped by the wretched acoustics of the SFX, which blunted the visceral attack of You Don't Care About Us and betrayed the subtlety of the slower numbers such as The Crawl.

For the encore, Pure Morning and Teenage Angst seemed like barbed Valentine greetings from arch anti-romantics. Not that it bothered those couples in the corner.

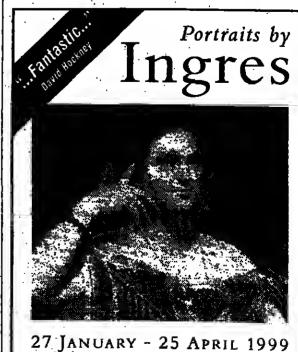
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deaths by gas, gun or oven, of hands tightly clutching siblings and parents soon to be another Holocaust statistic. The Berlin audience watched 210 from the Japanese - or else. And every human, even John Travolta, faces intense the film in thoughtful silence.

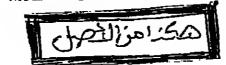
vet Goldmine bandwagon.

don in a few weeks' time. The begetter of Private Ryan, Steven Spielberg, ushered in a special screening of The Last Days, James Moll's Oscar-nominated documentary relaying the memories of five Auschwitz survivors. Pure-

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Curtain up on the new Garden

Marcus Binney explores the

magnificent new foyers and the state-of the-art backstage facilities of the redeveloped Royal Opera House

his morning, at once fearfully and proudly, the Royal Opera House opens its doors to the press for the first preview of its massive build-ing works. In many minds will be the same question: has the 5214 million project been a colossal waste of money? Could a new, much bigger 3,000-seat opera house not have been had for half the price on a new site south of the river?

Covent Garden may never be the People's Opera, but the most obvious benefits of the E130 million being spent on actual construction (£95 million so far) are to the performers and purchasers of the cheapest seats who used to suffocate in the "gods". Here is the best use of rooftop space London has ever seen, new foyers that compel you to explore the building, an exquisitely restored auditorium, and a backstage and fly tower that, for fast flexible working and breathtaking stage effects, should equal if not surpass any theatre in the world.

With a whole city block covering 2.5 acres finally at their disposal, the architects Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones have provided backstage areas lofty enough for jet liners. A uniform minimum clear height of 11 metres allows large built scenery for six different productions to be constantly available, in a continuous open space running 110 metres diagonally across the site — from Floral Street to Russell Street. For speed of movement, the

scenery will be stored in 26 large wagons that can be instantly motorised by attaching caterpillar tracks, or (in an emergency) manhandled. Huge sliding doors, 70 tonnes apiece, make it possible to separate stage and backstage area, allowing the construction of scenery and rehearsals of three different productions simultaneously. And the new triple-height fly tower has seven lighting bridges and allows one set of flying scenery to be stored above another, as well as hoists to lift whole sections

decorator David Mlinaric, the auditorium has emerged in ravishing pale blue and gold (have no fear, the seats will be in familiar red velvet). Dull bronze paint has been replaced by judicious gilding of highlights rather than whole panels. The biggest change is the removal of the straight stair up to the back of the stalls in favour of twin curving arms which allow the rake of the seats to be raised and sightlines improved. Air condition-

Under the guiding eye of the



A computer-generated image shows how the new Bow Street front of the redeveloped Royal Opera House and Floral Hall will look. The foyer spaces have been vastly increased

ing, as at Glyndebourne, is in-troduced beneath each seat. An ingenious device which allows the proscenium arch to be widened by a metre is now in operation again. New wing elevators make it possible to enlarge the pit to the size need-

ed for Wagner or Strauss.

fter this vast expenditure the criticism can be made that there are just 56 extra seats bringing the total to 2,157. Dixon replies: "The essential point is that the old auditorium was the right size."
To make the most of the new

Covent Garden you will need to arrive as the doors open at

six. The big change comes with the reconstruction of the iron and glass Floral Hall as the main foyer, where the whole audience can gather. You enter at the top of the first flight of the old grand stair. A full-height mirror at the end neatly doubles the apparent length of the hall. In the colonnades are mezzanine galleries where you can dine elegantly

before a performance. A pair of dramatically long escalators ascend to the amphi-theatre bars. Halfway up you have the thrill of bursting through the ceiling and seeing the majestic Crystal Palace style glass roof of the Floral Hall glowing from within. The

amphitheatre bar not only has a balcony looking down into the hall, but also long open-air loggias with a panoramic view over Covent Garden Piazza and an unexpected glimpse of

Nelson on his column.

Hidden away on top of all this is a brilliantly contrived rooftop village with enough space for the Royal Ballet to do its practice on site. One small and three full-size ballet studios open onto a bright sittingout space with huge window seats and a secluded outdoor terrace where ballet dancers (who like to smoke) can retreat

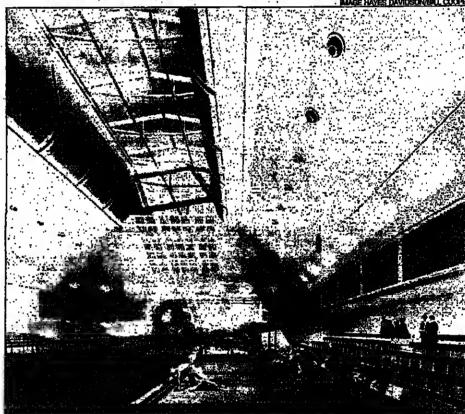
to light up and sunbathe. When fully operational, a thousand people will be at work on site, with costume making, cloth dyeing, wig making and jewellery set familiarly under the eaves in a series of cosy, well-lit studio spaces. Singers' dressing rooms have glorious views

over the Piazza. The building could make both opera and the opera house more accessible. A public walk runs through the building from the corner of the Piazza to Bow Street. There is a new studio theatre in the basement. Around the Piazza the new arcades by Dixon and Jones form an elegant revival of "stripped down" 1930s classicism, with Portland stone columns rising to a plain white vault inspired by San Giorgio Maggiore in Venice.

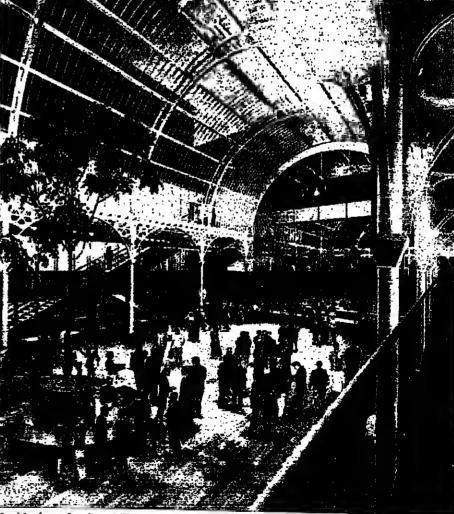
y contrast, their new façades along Russell Street and Bow Street are bland. But they have one merit: their tameness sets off the appeal of the modest buildings opposite which give Covent Garden its

distinctive character.
Will the investment in new echnology see an end to the Spanish practices that bedevilled the old opera house? That is still an open question. Per-haps Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, should adopt the 3-2-1 principle of funding. Give the opera house chairman Sir Colin Southeate the £25 million he wants for the first year. reduce it to two-thirds the next year, a third the year after. and zilch after that. The Historic Royal Palaces agency. which looks after the Tower of London and Hampton Court. has progressively freed itself

from subsidy in this manner. The Opera House has phenomenal potential for hiring out the Floral Hall, the roof terraces and the former crush bar beneath the portico for events, as well as deploying them seductively for the opera's own fund-raising. This is a building that has all the glamour, modernity and facilities that money can buy - and it must be made to pay its way.



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WRITTEN when he was just 16. Mendelssohn's Octet remains one of the most celebrated of 19th-century string works, and there are now many fine recordings of it. Two strong versions come from the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble. The first (Philips, 1978) is led with ruthless precision by Iona Brown; the second (Chandos, 1989), led by Kenneth Sillito, is more human. But Sillito and Brown played on a far better recording back in 1968. This was by the Melos Ensemble of Landon. This EM1 recording is my

runner-up especially given the wonder-

ful Schubert Octet you get with it.
Surpassing all other recordings, however, is the one (on Telarc, CD 80142, E14.99) by a collaboration of two quartets, the Cleveland and the Meliora. Any performance that leaves players and listeners alike in need of a shower gets my vote. The eight of them sound both youthful and mature, tightly unani-

mous and wildly individual, seriously professional and delightfully amateur all at once, just like one imagines the first performance to have been in the Mendelssohns' Berlin home in 1825.

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Irish eyes are shiners

f there is a criticism of the plays that Ireland has been sending in refreshing jugfuls to main-land Britain, it is that they are too rural, too amusing, or too both. The Emerald Isle has its grey concrete patches, some of them quite ugly; or so I was recently reminded by an emi-nent Dubliner, who found something suspect in the current English fascination with his nation's new drama.

Well, assuming he is right, here's a corrective to make sentimentalists blink. Mark O'Rowe is a tougher writer than Conor McPherson, but has the same talent for story-telling, the same fondness for monologue. His Howie the Rookie comes in two halves. each describing part of a single day, each narrated by a young man in cheap street clothes, both evoking an ur-ban nowhere-very-clear inwhich fun consists of boozing. having joyless sex with grimly predatory girls and finding ex-cuses to beat people to smithereens. The effect is of Trainspotting without the drugs, but with extra lashings of violence: and Irvine Welsh, who recently complained that drama in. London is too genteel, would do well to trek out to the Bush and see that at least one thea-

tre is contradicting his views. Actually, this is a trip for . anyone who wants to discover a bold, brash new dramatist and see a piece with ten times the imaginative flair of Weish's current You'll Have Had Your Hole. For a few moments I flinched, not because. of the content, but because O'Rowe's text threatened to become self-consciously "poetic" and Aidan Kelly's dourly dangerous Howie Lee was speak-ing in a dialect that made hard-man Geordie sound like BBC English, But either the actor relented or my ears adjusted, because I had no difficulty following a tale that, far from sounding mannered, successfully yanked me into a vivid yet banal world of petty but ferocious vendettas.

owie happily joins in the beating-up of his near-namesake, Rookie Lee, but, when he returns borne, he finds that his small brother is dead, arguably because of his neglect. Then on comes Karl Shiels's Rookie and proceeds not just to elaborate the overall picture of Ireland's desolate fleshpots and rootless young. but to give us an oblique and oddly moving portrait of Howie's remorse and atonement. Needless to say, this has



nothing to do with confessions or prayers. It involves curing the infectious itch that has indirectly got Rookie into trouble with thuggish Ladyboy when he was born, his out dear threw away the body and raised the afterbirth" - and ensuring that Ladyboy never kneecaps anyone again. Shiels is the more mesmeric half of Mike Bradwell's cast, and his description of a fight that might be jointly derived from The Iliad and Silence of the Lambs rivets you with the clarity and crispness of its awful-

But then the play as a whole is strong enough to leave you feeling that, if this is a remotely representative picture of city life, the Irish Tourist Board would find it easier to sell the charms of Beirut or maybe nogo Moscow.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Love all too laboured and lost

Three neurotics are holed up in a remote Norfolk cottage on New Year's Eve. Alice, who is distraught from her husband's death, whiles away her time swinging back and forth over his grave, spouting airy-fairy metaphors about lost love. Her

best friend, Leda, unexpectedly appears with her boyfriend Rory in tow. At first sight the outgoing opposites of Alice she is spangly and chirpy, he is your average insensitive, ad-olescent male — these two soon break out in palavers of paranoia about being, respec-



Swing-driven thing: Adrienne O'Sullivan as Leda and Sam Troughton as Rory in The Other Shore

The Other Shere Marebibuse, Croydon

tively, dumped and smoth-

Writer Sarah Woods won plaudits for her last play Grace, but there is simply no making sense of this one. When Rory, having turned up laden with mountaineering equipment, climbs the cottage wall - at 6ft high hardly the north face of the Eiger — Leda has an absolute fit.

She is clingy, you see, though it is the first we know of it. Halfway through the first half he suddenly has a turn and runs off in search of whisky, apparently - though again this has not been flagged in the slightest - because he feels suffocated. He then comes back, starts giving Leda a good seeing to and runs off again, only to return drenched in mud from frantically searching up hill and down dale for her, while she has locked herself in the unlockable cellar.

It is not all Woods's fault: there is some lively detail, and you can just about detect some-

thing less bizarre underneath. But the cast and the director, Jenny Lee, make a meal of things, Both Adrienne O'Sullivan and Sam Troughton, as Leda and Rory, take their char-acters' petulant insecurities

way over the top, spiriting sudden surges of anger out of nowhere. Troughton spends most of the evening licking his wounds on the roof of the cortage, with a half bottle of whisky for company: this is a man who is supposed to be desperare for freedom. Sarah-Jane Field as Alice is best, though she is more often trying than touching. Vaguely supernant ral overtones flots of spooky lighting and ghostly sound effects) and unnecessary symbol-

ism add little. The play is essentially about the need to give space to others: but for them all to wail that they are being killed, or are killing, or have killed with love seems absurdly melodramatic. At the end everyone is supposed to have learnt something from the experience. Dif-ficult to know what, when no one involved seems to have a clue what is going on.

NIGEL CLIFF

Swede and sour

f this Barbican gala was designed to showcase the A sheer variety of the cur-rent jazz scene in Sweden, then it was a success. An a cappella quintet, a Latin big band, an electric blues group and a mainstream clarinettist took the stage in rapid succession. producing everything from humorous novelty songs to the raunchiest 12-bar, drawing on rhythms from Uruguay and Brazil, New York, Los Angeles and the Mississippi delta practically everywhere but Sweden - in the process.

The Real Group, with three male and two female voices. specialise in reproducing bigband arrangements, particularly those of Neal Hefti for the Basie orchestra. They are at their best when, having established the subtle Freddie Green chug that underlies such chestnuts as Splanky or the delicate lilt of Li'l Darlin'. they allow one of their number to "solo" in the manner of, say. trumpeter Wendell Culley, but the band originals veered uncomfortably close to MOR.

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Both the Hector Bingert

Latin Lovers and Louise Hoffsten suffered from the unsuitability of the venue to their acts. Bingert coaxed a great deal of bluster from both his saxophone and his fearsomely loud band, but the suppleness of the South American rhythms in which he specialises was lost in the over-amplified mix. Hoffsten, similarly, did her

valiant best to ignite the audience with her raunchy brand of blues, but — a powerhouse version of John Lee Hooker's Serve Me Right to Suffer aside - never looked like arousing anything but polite interest.
Putte Wickmao, by con-

trast, relied entirely on unspectacular but confident musicianship to win over his listeners, his graceful clarinet gliding through the familiar changes of such fare as Summertime and There is no Greater Love with all the ease and elegance that come from more than five decades in the business. As the climax to the week

long Swedish Jazz Extravaganza, this concert was certainly extravagant, and was mostly jazz - but Swedish? Music specific to a country seems increasingly hard to find in these times of instant artistic crosspollination, but the undisputed elder statesman of Swedish jazz, Arae Domnerus, by solitting his masterful Ronnie Scott's set between Ellington and Swedish folk tunes. centred the festival in a manner the Barbican gala would have been well advised to emulate.

CHRIS PARKER

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LE CID: After ion years Declari Doranellan directs Cornello's 1637 classes agen, this time performed in French (with English surintes). Received an oxision at the Augmon Fastival Riverside Studies (181-237 1111). Operas longist, 8pm. (5)

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SPRING LOADED: Formerly a dancer with Rambert. DNs and the Sobhan Daves Compony and now a rendseting chareographer, Jeremy James, poned by his excling, young company, races the outlan on the annual fectual of contemporary dance. The Place (0171-327 0031) Opens longht, 8pm. UPS TOGETHER, TEETH APART: Return of Terrence MoNally's allignor

pley where two heterosexual couples find themselves calebrating the Fourth of July in a gay teaort.

Orange Tree (0181-940 3633) Opens longit 7 45pm (5)

SONG RECITAL: The eloquent interpreter of German Leder. English bardone Simon Keenlyside, continues the Wigmore Schumann Series. The programme also contains a selection French songs by Poulenc, Debussy and Faure Malcolim Martineau accomments on the piano. accompanies on the piano. Wigmore Hall (0171-935-2141) Toragts, 7-30pm. (2)

ELSEWHERE

INGHAM: The Baroque pecialist and conductor Nicholas specialist and conductor Nicrolas McGegan makes a guest appearance with the City of Birmingham Sym-phony Orchestra. The evening offers Hander's Water Music preceded by Salien's rarely heard Corcento for Flute



Simon Keenlyside sings Lieder at the Wigmore

MANCHESTER: Braham Murtay directs David Threttal in the filly role of Peer Gyrti in an ambitious combination of drama, dance and music to create lisen's poetic play anew. Proyal Exchange (0161-833 9833) Opens tonight, 7 30pm

NORWICH: After last year's brief but successful four of the UK the graceful Suppressal four of the St Petersburg Ballet Theatre returns with four belief classics, starting here with seven performances of the Nutcracker Theatre Royal (01803 630000) Tongth St, 730pm, mets Wed and Set, 2.30pm (§)

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James Christopher's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

LUFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG): Roberto Benign's romantic Second World War lable stitches a discurbing comedy from the Holocaust, it's supremely well acted, but the tupremely well acted, but the comedy about survival in a death camp is at best necessors.

YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS (18): Nei LaBute's withering, ser-obsessed cornety of manners tracks the envelopes of six yuppie that somethings. The humour and cyncism knocks the stuffing out of Ally McBeel. With Nestatala Knaki. and Aaron Eckhart

SWITCHBLADE SISTERS (18): Cheesy re-rolease of Jack Hill's cult film about toerage dolinquents. A gang of sullen females terrorise hopekes police and God-learing owners of greasy burger joints. The joy of Hill's film is never knowing ho far he has his longue in his cheek. DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART

(PG): Jenny Seegrove and Anthor Edwards star in a quirky Velentine comedy where they outwit the destardly dented. Charles Dance.

JACK FROST (PG): Michael Keaton comes back to life as a snowman to spend quality time with his son. The

ery GIANT (PG): Sleazy lilin egent Billy Crystal discovers a Romanian gont and whites him off to star in bad movies in Hollywood. Big ego trip tor Crystal, bad move for overyone else. Michael Lehmann directs.

HOTEL DU NORD (PG): Marcel Camé's bitter-sweet 1938 class labulous performances from Louis Jouvet and Adetty.

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Labour, back to its bad old ways

Roy Hattersley on the relapse to

block votes and ballot rigging

o it has come to this. After all the fine talk about returning power to the people. Labour has abandoned the one reform which gave power to its own rank-and-file members. Blairism dictates that, in principle, democracy must be extended at every level. But. in practice. that means only so long as Tony Blair can be guaranteed the result which he wants. Nicolae Ceaucescu did not live in vain. Elections begin with the idenofication of the winning candidate. The voting system is then adjusted to guarantee the desired result. Few people doubt that the Welsh Labour Party wants to

be led into May's assembly elections by Rhodri Morgan. Were a choice to be made on the principle of one member one vote - the principle by which Tony Blair became leader — Morgan would be the landslide winner. But Labour has reverted to the worst sort of electoral college. The big unions — most of which have not bothered to ballot their members - will cast their entire block vote for a single candidate while scarcely considering his rival's merits. They will follow Downing Street's instruction in the hope that Alun Michael gets the job. If that happens. then Michael will have been handed it by Tony Blair.

On all the available evidence, most Welsh members of The Welsh the Transport and General Workers dragon is Union want Morgan to head Labour's campaign in being Wales Yet the union's Cardiff leaderturned ship decided to support Michael The explanation into a such conduct is even more damagpoodle ing to Labour's rep-

utation than the George Wright, the T&G's me to fury by obscuring the Welsh secretary, told last important work done by the night's Panorama that "devoludon is minor to the Westminster Government". That view will certainly be reproduced on Plaid Cymru posters when the election comes and their leaflets will probably repeat the rest of Mr Wright's views on the subject. "We backed Blair and we backed the Labour Government, Ten times more important than the Welsh assembly.*

It is not only devolution that Mr Wright holds cheap. He is the mayoral election. no more enthusiastic for democracy. A week earlier he had explained that he could not ballot his individual members on the subject of assembly leadership without borrowing money from the London head office - an indignity he would not impose on the principality. Last night, his posicion had changed. He did not even "prefer" to operate one member one vote. And he explained why. 'The main reason is that it is not. surprisingly enough, a priority for us." It was not clear if he was downgrading devolution or democracy. Either way, it is a sad reflection on how the Labour Party works these

Yet it is barely five years since John Smith fought and just won — the historic banle for one member one vote. And now, John Prescott whose irresistible, incomprehensible summing up may

well have made the difference between defeat and victory looks on while the idea is cast aside in deference to the Prime Minister's passion for uniformity and his strange fear of the slightest dissent. Have no doubt that pleasing the Prime Minister is the motive for most of those trade union leaders who are supporting Alun Michael. AEU delegates who were interviewed on Panorama were explicit: "Tony Blair came out against Rhodri Morgan." So Michael gets every one of the union's 60,000 votes. When we hear Mr Blair tell party members: "Don't let the media run this election the sub-text is obvious enough. He is determined to run it -

Yet he has nothing to fear from the defeat of Alun Michael. Rhodri Morgan is not a wild left-winger. Indeed, when he first entered Parliament, he was thought to be on the right of the Tribune group, which counted one Tony Blair among its members. His crime is to understand and believe in devolution. By its nature, devolution means that sometimes Cardiff will disagree with London. If the Prime Minister is not prepared to risk the leader of the Welsh assembly arguing for Wales, he is denying the purpose of

the assembly's existence. And Welsh voters will understand that he does not intend to pass power from Westminster and Whitehall.

The same unhappy realisation will dawn on the voters of London if Ken Livingstone is denied the chance to stand in the election which chooses Labour's candidate for mayor. I am not a Livingstone enthusiast. He drove

Greater London Council with acts of childish self-promotion. Years later he is no closer to being a grown-up politician. Westminster last night armed only his criocs. Voting for the candidate who is not Ken Livingstone is decent, democratic behaviour. But rigging the shortlist to ensure that nobody can vote for him would be a disgrace for which Labour would pay dearly in

The nation is entitled to ask why the Prime Minister has such an obsessive determination to control every policy debate, every item of patronage, every decision about presentadon and every choice of candidate. He is not a control freak; that is a psychiatric condition and his determination to dominate is absolutely rational. He believes that the way to win the next election is deviation from his "project". No dissent. No diversions. It is another example of his central belief and only philosophy. The purpose of politics is winning. And he does not seem to mind the casualties that he causes along the way. One may well be the highly able Alun Michael. What sort of a future can he expect as a poodle badly disguised to look like a Welsh dragon?

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What every baby knows

here should be a name for the administrative paralysis which is brought on by a fear of historic evils repeating themselves. Yesterphobia, perhaps Retro-dread? It is a recurring phenomenon: there you are, bowling merrily along afire with a new idea, and abruptly somebody points out a paral-lel between the new plan and something which went wrong in an earlier and crueller age. Whereon everyone ashamed, and the new idea is tarnished before it is even properly turned

out of the mould. Sometimes retrophobia is useful. The horrors of Nazi eugenics make us wary of new reproductive technology; the history of cholera and typhoid keep public utilities up to the mark. But everyone has a private list of times that it has worked against sense. You might say that it was not really a fear of power cuts which made pre-1980 governments unreasonably indulgent towards the National Union of Mineworkers, but rather the historic guilt left to us by Victorian mine owners. A few bars of The Gresford Pit Disaster from a folk singer is very effective in melting away any will to fight against a man with coal

dust on his hands. The same applies to means testing: the most cautious attempt to steer benefits towards the genuinely poor inevitably evokes stone-faced officials scolding claimants for keeping a pet cat when they could be eating the fish-heads themselves, or owning one more chair than the number of people in the family. The introduction of prescription charges albeit with wide exemptions —

elicited a torrent of largely irrelevant reminiscence about infants dying for fear of the doctor's bill. Attempts to reintroduce factual knowledge into education leads to cries of Gradgrind. The most timid observation that a 15-year-old truant might be bener off working is generally enough to provoke an accusation that the speaker wants to send seven-year-olds up chimneys and light the fire beneath them.

Old shames, old traumas, hang around a long time. "Never again!" is a powerful reformer's cry, and so it should be; but 50 years on it can lead to a situation where nobody is willing to do anything, however sensible, which might possibly lead to an accusation of "putting the clock back". Look at the mess we are in over mental patients: because of the grim asylums and vindictive

Don't let guilty folk memories deny

single mothers the shelter they crave

incarceration of bygone times, we now find it excruciatingly hard to admit that, for a few poor souls, institutions are kinder and safer than "community" can ever be.

Retrophobia, however, is on the wane. It was one of Margaret Thatcher's peculiar and rather alarming strengths that she was sufficiently insensitive to be immune to it. She even risked the famous line about Victorian Values. Her legacy is that, now, even a Labour Prime Minister feels able to tweak the tails of sacred

cows and think the unthinkable (and, indeed, to hobnob prodigally with the Very Fat Man Who Waters the Workers' Beer, but that's another story). Anyway, the latest bit of governmental unthinkabilia is that young, unsupported mothers could do with a network of hostels, one in every them and their babies while they

town, to shelter study or find work. It is brave of the Social Exclusion Unit to bring this one up again, especially so soon after

Margaret Thatch-er's derided remarks about handing such girls over to Churches to look after. The immediate and inevitable reaction in some quarters will be to raise the shadow of a Victorian Home for Fallen Women, where sad, shamed figures scrubbed stone floors and were told to be grateful for it: and, more recently, of certain mother-and-baby homes of the Sixties, where unmarried mothers were dumped by their shocked parents. lectured daily on their sinfulness, made to breastfeed a baby doomed to adoption, and then shut in a locked room on the day the

adoptive parents drove it away. All these things were real; al-though even in the 1950s and 1960s there were also kindly, companionable homes of which the inmates carry fond memories. I was in a Sheffield side-street once, watching a Salvation Army procession and

service. Next to me stood a middle aged woman from one of the little houses, with a tired, good-natured face, I said something inane about the music brightening up the dull morning, and she volunteered that it wasn't just the music that brought

her out of doors.
"I like the Sallies," she said.
"Reminds me of happy days, in the
mother-and-baby home when I was 17, with my first. We had some good laughs there." They found her a job. and after she left "they used to drop by, and the baby

always had a present at Christmas". The praying, she observed, was a bit wearing, as she inclined", but of the buman experience of the home she had only happy memories: the sort of hard-times, giggly, girlish: memories that most of us bring away from college halls of residence or first flat-

shares. Hostels could work. Nobody is suggesting that a young woman's stay there would be compulsory, or very

long: the idea seems to be that they could serve for a transitional period while she finished training, or found a job, and got used to the baby. Medical services and an experienced warden would minimise the terror of coping alone with spots and scares; co-operative babysitting could permit the odd night out. Accommodation could be of decent student standard, with shared cooking and common-room but reasonable bedsit privacy. You could have the option (which a lot of married new mothers would be grateful for) of a hot evening meal made by someone else. Above all, you could make friends, girls in the same boat as yourself. It would not be such a bad life; better than a bad flat in a bad block, with too little money and only successive baby-hating boyfriends for company.

There will, of course, be resistance

Sami Khatum, who moved into a flat alone at 17 with her baby. She loathed the idea. "In a mother-and-baby unit you would feel you were being judged and looked down upon. You would have to do everything by their rules and they could treat you like a child," she said. Yet she uses the Newpin day centre for parenting classes and personal development courses; she goes there most days and says it "builds up her confidence". So it is not the idea of help and advice that repels Sami, just the fear of not having her own front door to close, and of being judged and bossed.
Such fears could be dispelled. Any

from some girls, stiffened by retro-phobia. It was fascinating to read in

this paper yesterday the comment of

college student knows that you can live in a bedsitter and still have a lock on your door and a sense of self-determination and privacy. Any day-centre mother knows that you can accept support and take advice without abandoning your dignity. Most important of all is the company: at all ages, married or not, new mothers need other mothers. From sink estate to affluent commuter village, watch them band together in networks and clubs and playgroup circles. It is a process as natural as birth itself.

o hostels could work, if the word on the street said that they were not bad places to spend a year or so. It is not long, after all, since some kind of hostel or dormitory life was part of everyone's experience: National Service, a YWCA, a boardinghouse, college, or just a big, quarrelsome flatshare. It is a very recent idea (enthusiastically fostered by the housebuilding trade) that everyone, however young or single, needs to be a sole occupier. It is actually a rather lonely, unfriendly, unnatural state; if you are tied to a baby, a frighteningly claustrophobic one. So if they are tactful and liberal and entrusted to sensible organisations such as Newpin, rather than thin-lipped functionaries with a mania for rules, the new hostels could make babies safer. young mothers more hopeful, and

memories happier. But that would have to be their mission statement. They won't work if their agenda is deterrence, punishment, or cheapskate Treasury savings. Any baby could tell you that.

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Back to school

ERIC ANDERSON, the man of letters who shaped Tony Blair as a schoolboy, is returning to Eton. He is poised, I hear, to take over from Sir Antony Acland as Provost, relinquishing his position as Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford.

Anderson taught the future PM at Pettes College. Blair later described him as his favourite teacher. Anderson went on to be a highly successful Head Master at Eton before arriving at Lincoln in 1994.
But Poppy, his wife, yearns to return: "She is not finding the same scope at Oxford. Wives of the heads of colleges are rather frozen out."

The Provost is the resident covernors's chairman, whose name is picked by the Fellows, his colleagues. Anderson will be one of the few non-Etonians in the post. But his appointment will no doubt progress smoothly as the final decision is made by No 10.

● THE Cairngorm Whisky Compa-ny has launched a new brand, the Glenhoddle. Professional critics say, however, it tastes "immature" and lacks "strength of character".

Who knows?

AN ANCIENT Rembrandt has inspired a contemporary diagnosis. Professor Robert Bourne, an Aus-



tralian oncologist, says he has spotted a malignant skin cancer on the nose of Man in Oriental Costume (above), painted in 1637. "I can see a clear basal cell carcinoma there," he tells me. "It is possible to tell because the painting equals a clinical photograph in its clarity."

SIR CLIFF RICHARD is to prove his manhood by going head-to-head against Kelvin MacKenzie on Radio 4. The softly spoken happy-clapper will confront the candid head of Talk Radio to discuss the future of the music industry.

Fair cop

CAROLINE FLINT has all the right qualifications to act as the new Parliamentary Adviser to the Police Federation: the Labour MP once caught an armed bank robber. In 1994, when she was a trade union researcher, she and Phil Cole, her partner, were in a bank hold-up. As the gunman fled, the duo tripped him up, hit him over



the head and held him down until the police arrived. They then helped to send the robber down for ten years. Her reward? A £15,000 retainer from the federation.

 JOHN EDMONDS knows how to fire in style. The GMB union boss asked his chauffeur to deliver a dismissal letter to the home of Warren Glover. The former union toiler was sacked after he questioned the level of treatment dished out to Mick Fisher, a GMB employee and Edmonds chum, after it was claimed that he had shoved a colleague.

Trashed

JEREMY IRONS and Sinead Cusack are in trouble for littering the lrish countryside. Cork County Council discovered they have been leaving rubbish on a crossroads two miles from Kilcoe Castle, their home, because they are not on the dustbin rounds. "We know it's theirs," I am told, "because we go through all dumped rubbish."

JASPER GERARD

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Frail old men with thick, foreign accents are tried for crimes committed half a century earlier. This does not teach any useful moral lesson kind of comfort to know that

The dead need memorials. of obsessive-compulsive behavbut the Statute Book is not the place to erect them. This week a Brinsh jury has travelled to Belarus to hear evidence in the trial of a 77-yearnid retired railwayman. The crimes for which Anthony Sawoniuk stands accused took place in that country in 1942. But the law under which he is prosecuted was passed in this country in 1991. The War Crimes Act is retrospective, and extra-territorial. It was not passed to redress an injustice in any ordinary sense of the word. It does not satisfy a legal need, but seeks to assuage a political appente. And it thus stands uneasily with the values for which the Second

World War was fought. For the German Culture Minister. Michael Naumann, the cononuing British fascination with that war seems like a national personality disorder, an example

iour from a country that cannot wash its hands of the past. But his exasperation at the weekend was misplaced. The Sawoniuk trial, the most dramatic current illustration of the war's capacity to grab the national imagination. is not evidence of a continuing obsession, but a symptom of two

very modern phenomena. The first is the itch to use laws as wreaths. In our emotionally correct age victims can win any argument by appeal to the High Court of grief, which always finds for suffering over logic. In the aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy the laws which were passed to govern handgun ownership were sombre Acts of Piety not sober Acts of Parliament. The need to show we sympathised overwhelmed other considerations. Hard cases make bad

laws. But so do soft hearts.

The War Crimes Bill, which

James Heartfield

preceded the handgun legislation, was another attempt to use the law to show sympathy. No one can deny the enormity of the crimes it sought to address. But no law could satisfy the emotional needs embodied in the War Crimes Bill. It is not possible to put evil on trial, only men. A Court of Law cannot re-run historical events, it can only punish people for what they did. And in the case of these trials the real danger exists that people will be punished to satisfy an emotional need, whether they are

guilty or not. The other modern development which was reflected in the War Crimes legislation is our growing cultural fascination with the Holocaust. As the memory of the event itself recedes, Holocaust films, plays,

documentaries and museums increase in number. The definitive film of the decade, Schindier's List, has inspired others, such as the Oscar-nominated Italian feature Life is Beautiful. From the Washington Museum to the Berlin memorial, the public appetite for recollections of the Holocaust is growing. The fascination permeates popular culture. Television advertisements are currently running for a new magazine devoted entirely to the Nazi horror.

It is right that we should never forget. But the culture of remembering is more than just recalling brute facts. It demands critical engagement. The current fascination with the Holocaust is a product of the demand for moral absolutes. When so much else

there are some things which are black and white. If we can be sure of nothing else, we can be sure that the Holocaust was wrong. From the Anti-Nazi League to Margaret Thatcher. everyone agreed that the Holo-caust should not be forgotten. With the war crimes law, the hope was that unalloyed evil would be put in the dock.

nstead, frail old men with

thick, foreign accents are put on trial for crimes allegedly committed half a century earlier. These recent trials do not teach any useful moral lesson. If anything, they make a mockery of the real importance of the Holocaust. The original Nuremburg hearings had gravitas, with the Nazi elite such as Goering and Hess in the dock. Today we have a sorry spectacle of pensionseems uncertain it provides a ers on trial. History repeats itself

- the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce. These elderly East Europeans. even if guilty, are hardly repre-

sentative of the might of Nazi Germany. German historians have been trying to pass the blame for the Holocaust onto the backward culture of Eastern Europe for years - as if the Nazis' atrocities were just an example of "going native". They must be thrilled to see those accused of being Ukrainian gofers carrying the can.

Anthony Sawoniuk might be guilty or not. But his trial will not test evidence in any normal sense. Instead, the witnesses have been historians, debating the interpretation of past events. It is a trial that cannot meet the emotional demands behind the 1991 law, because those needs are beyond adjudication.

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NO TIME FOR NOES

Unionists must not falter now

The essence of leadership according to Harold Wilson, at least in the Labour Party. was to drive so fast that there was no space for dissidents to argue over direction. How David Trimble must wish he could accelerate events in Northern Ireland. The Ulster Unionist leader presides over a fissiparous party which threatens to deny him the clear-cut majority he needs to advance. Later today the Northern Ireland Assembly should vote on the shape and structure of the Province's future government. The process of negotiation which culminated in its construction was long, and fraught, enough to cause some members of Mr Trimble's party grave concern.

Those concerns reflected an understandable fear that nationalist Ireland had pressed its claims too vigorously during talks. But that fear should not be allowed to obscure a greater truth. The more comprehensive the Unionist support for the deal. which bears Mr Trimble's name, the stronger will be his authority when it comes to the greatest challenge ahead -insisting on the disarmament of the IRA.

For many within Ulster's pro-union majority the peace process has been a conveyor-belt of concessions. The reach and scope of nationalist Ireland's say in a part of the United Kingdom has grown. 'aramilitary prisoners have been released arly. The Royal Ulster Constabulary faces otentially painful change. And still the RA has refused to acknowledge the earning for peace by surrendering its rms. But it would be wrong for discontent-1 Unionists to register their dissent by oting against the package presented to em today. It would be worse than a ime, it would be a mistake. The more Unionists who vote No today,

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the easier it will be for Republicans to wriggle out of their responsibilities. By supporting Mr Trimble, Unionists will show that they are sincere, and generous, in wishing to accommodate every legitimate nationalist concern about the future administration of the Province. Unionists will be seen to have swallowed doubts about detail for the sake of a greater prize. And by suppressing their own objections they will have left, starkly obvious, the real obstacle to progress — the IRA's arsenal.

Ministers have been told, in clear terms, that today's vote cannot be used to authorise the entry of Sinn Pein into a new government of Northern Ireland unless and until decommissioning begins. Those Unionists who fear that a Yes vote today will trigger an invitation to Gerry Adams to take his place in a ministerial limousine should recognise that such a call would result in David Trimble's refusal to acquiesce any further in the process. If his party backs Mr Trimble solidly today he will be able to claim he has done more than anyone to further partnership in the Province but cannot be asked to accept armed terrorists in his government.

Pressure is already building on the IRA. The campaign against "punishment beatings" has deprived them of support even in their heartland, and limited their room for operational manoeuvre. The Irish Prime Minister. Bertie Ahern, whatever his apparent equivocations, has still underlined the clear moral and political imperative for decommissioning before Sinn Fein

can exercise administrative power. The IRA are being pushed into a corner. Unionists should heed Harold Wilson's injunction and press home their advantage today without hesitation. They must not

STRAW'S JUDGMENT

A delicate balance between liberty and security

here the rights of the individual and the ed to protect society meet, a dilemma aits every Home Secretary. Yesterday, k Straw confronted this conundrum en he outlined proposals to protect the plic from people with dangerous persony disorders. In future, Mr Straw would the courts to have the power to order indefinite, but reviewable, detention of h individuals. Crucially, this power ald apply to people whether or not they i committed an offence. Mr Straw aned libertarians and left the Conservas aghast. Once again, the Home retary has ventured where few of his predecessors would have dared go. beneath the populist rhetoric, the ne Secretary has entered into a moral e wnich, umess y entrap him.

present, individuals with non-treatapersonality disorders slip through the between hospital - where they can be detained if they are diagnosed as table" - and prison, where they can remain for the duration of their nce. High profile cases have added acy to Mr Straw's call to close this iole. Michael Stone, the murderer of nd Megan Russell, was known to be a er to society and pleaded to be tted to hospital. The paedophile rt Oliver had to be released from n after serving his sentence. Classified not mad", he could not be held in a e mental asylum.

long as there are "regular quasi-judieviews covering both the legal and al issues", as Mr Straw proposes, some libertarians might grudgingly

support the indefinite detention of individuals who have been found guilty of a crime and diagnosed as suffering from a personality disorder. Had the Home Secretary limited his plans to this, he would have had few critics. Yet his wish to allow a court to detain any individual with a "recognised severe personality disorder" who poses "a grave risk to the public" is, as the Home Secretary understates, "a very serious step" which can only be taken once a string of questions have been answered.

Mr Straw has promised to publish a consultative document, which will "outline in more detail" the problem and its solution. Top of those concerns is one raised by civil libertarians. They argue that individuals will be detained not for what nave done, but what they might doand on the basis that they are suffering from a "personality disorder", the definition of which is a contestable matter. According to the mental health charity MIND, it is a condition which afflicts over one in ten of the population. The paper will need to address this, as well indicating whether these individuals should be treated in prison, in separate units attached to prisons, or in new units built for the task.

The Home Secretary will have few excuses if he omits such fine print from the consultation paper. Whitehall has been considering this area of policy for years, as has Mr Straw himself. When he was the Shadow Home Secretary, he published a consultation paper on this very subject. In such delicate areas as these, forethought and caution are essential requirements. Mr Straw. normally never short of both, must tread carefully.

A PALE PETITION

When views of the Parthenon are news and when not

ling to Professor Anthony Snodgrass ir senior classical scholars at Oxford unbridge who wrote to The Times on ay, the British media have been ssing debate on the future of the Marbles. To those of our readers ink that we have already devoted an of argument to this cause, this may s surprise.

scholars accused us and other al daily newspapers of "silence" over ion by the European Parliament on Britain to return the Marbles to The Government meanwhile was I of reneging on its pledges in

.noi professor and his colleagues are scholars of ancient Greece and its 1 the modern world: they are well inter the complex labyrinth that has ided this issue for so many years. tter lacks that indignant demagoguch was Melina Mercouri's lasting ttion from the 1970s and which has every Greek politician's subsetempt to gain cheap patriotic votes. wo points that they raise deserve The answer to the "silence" charge epend on how much weight is to a petition in the European ent. A petition is a class of cements which carries little weight a body whose ability to translate s high-minded demands into law

highly circumscribed. moval of the Parthenon Marbies ndon is a favourite theme for rs, one regularly pushed by the is this one was, and by others who want a precedent to force their own claims on foreign museums. Just over two years ago MEPs called for the Marbles' restitution. Neither then, nor now, did they have any authority over the frieze. Nor has the International Court of Justice, or the European Court of Human Rights, any better locus. To ignore this latest vote was simply a judgment of what is, and is not,

The signatories complain that Labour has gone back on an earlier promise. That promise was from Neil Kinnock, a man as susceptible to the sound of Greek rhetoric as to his own, and is still backed by some Labour MPs. Tony Blair's Government has disavowed Mr Kinnock and his supporters so often that a decision to agree with him would be more newsworthy than the opposite. The Government position -that restitution and its subsequent effects on the world's museums would be a "disaster for world culture" -- is a strong and principled one, relying neither on arguments about how the hard-pressed Greeks already struggle to care for their massive stock of antiquities nor on the legalisms used by Lord Elgin and the Turks, still less on what the scholars describe as "lofty disdain for the European

Union and all its works". The British Museum has, over two centuries, given access to a frieze that has been seen and enjoyed by millions, extending classical inspiration and values in a way that all lovers of Greece ought to applaud even if Greek poliocians, and their followers, do not. It should continue

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the day.

From Mr Philip Mottram

Sir, It is sad to see eminent classicists

urging the departure from these shores of the finest relics of the

classical world. Even today thousands

are inspired by visiong these marbles, so wonderfully presented, which have

always received a stewardship in accordance with the best practices of

Their return would surely open a

Pandora's box in every major muse-

um in the European Union. Every

country would then be claiming whatever had originated within its

The glory of the marbles' current

sening is its proximity to collections covering the whole of classical and Near Eastern culture. Their context

and influences can be seen much

bener in London than in the single-

theme museum suggested in Athens.

But their influence has grown so

greatly beyond Greece that it is hard

to think of a better setting, which will

be improved further in the coming

years. They are now part of the

Sir. It is crucial to understand that the

Elgin Marbles are legally the proper-

ty of the trustees of the Briosh

Museum, who own them on behalf of

They cannot be disposed of without

Parliament repealing the British Mu-seum Act, with all the consequences

that this might entail for our main museums and galleries.

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Ethnic quotas for police questioned

From the Shadow Home Secretary

Sir. Your report of February to suggests that the Home Secretary is to impose a national target for recruiting police officers from ethnic minorities and also that he intends to punish officers convicted of serious discipinary offences by cutting their pen-sions by up to 75 per cent. Both these measures would be in conflict with other policies pursued by the Govern-

The strength of many police forces in this country is now falling. Ministers, however, claim that this is not a matter for them. They do not even have a view on the strength of the Metropolitan Police in London. where the Home Secretary is still the police authority.

The most recent statement of government policy came in the debate on the police grant on February 4, when the Home Office Minister, Mr Boateng, said that the strength of forces was enorely a decision for chief constables. He said: "Now the Shadow Home Secretary wants to make numbers a matter for me and . . . the Home Secretary. However we do not intend to allow him to do so."

Is it then to be the Government's policy that it will require targets on the recruitment from ethnic minorities but will have no view on how strong any force should be?

On the question of police pensions, the whole trend of policy of this Government and the last has been to recognise the rights of members of pension schemes. Members of a scheme have an entitlement to a pension and the amount of the pension is built up over their working

I do not defend policemen who are found guilty of serious disciplinary offences. I do question whether cutting a policeman's pension by up to 75 per cent can be justified as the penalty.

Yours faithfully. NORMAN FOWLER. House of Commons. February 12.

From Mr Michoel Plumbe

Sir, It is outrageous that Jack Straw should impose ethnic minority quotas on recruitment to the police force. Of all organisations, this is the one where appointment and promotion must be made solely on merit and suitability for the job.

Quotas have been tried in the United States. The results have been "reverse discrimination" against "ethnle majority" candidates, a lowering of standards because often the best man for the job was passed over, and charges that the mix of different races was unfair to a particular one.

How does Straw propose to define a member of an ethnic minority? Would someone of "mixed race" count as half

a person in his 7 per cent? Straw is himself being racist, in the worst possible way, by promoting one set of groups as against another.

Yours lividly, MICHAEL PLUMBE (Chairman, Executive Committee). Society for Individual Freedom, 104 Drive Mansions, SW6 5JH. February 10.

From Mr Keith Vaz., MP for Leicester East (Labour)

Sir. Jack Straw is to be congratulated on his latest initiatives in the fight against racism in the police force. However, what is needed is not just for black and Asian people to be brought into the police, but for them to rise to the highest ranks. Only when we see a number of black or Asian chief constables in place will we know that the fight against racism is

Yours sincerely. House of Commons. February 10.

Medical negligence

From Ms Tracey Brown

Sir, Mr Nigel Harris (letter, February 3) may perceive a fall in standards in orthopaedic cases, but this does not make a convincing explanation of the rising willingness to initiate claims for medical negligence. I doubt there is a fall in standards in obstetrics, where claims and compensation awards are also increasing.

The machinery put in place since

the 1989 government proposals. Working for Potients, includes the Patient's Charter, new complaints procedures and better, more widely promoted access to legal advice. At the same time, there does seem to be a greater readiness to claim when treatment is unsuccessful. The reasons why people sue need much more investigation and litigation cannot be dismissed as a simple comment on the standards of

Where standards are low, fear of liogation is an inadequate means of improving them. Aside from being an arbitrary way to regulate services and compensate injury, liogation can lead to defensive practice and, for instance, in the case of independent midwifery, it has led to almost no practice at all.

Yours faithfully, TRACEY BROW'N [Social researcher]. Department of Sociology. University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NS. t.brown@ukc.oc.uk February 3.

Elgin Marbles in world context

From the Editor of Current Archaeology

Sir, Recently I met a young Guatemalan lawyer (and keen archaeologist) who was on his first visit to England. He had been to the Bridsh Museum, and was amazed. Here, for the first time, he had seen a world museum and had been able to get an overall view of world cultures: having seen the Eigin Marbles (letter, February 13) and so many other world anoquioes all at the same time, he could begin to put the Maya antiquioes from Guatemala into their proper context.

It simply does not make sense for every country only to possess the antiquities of that country's past. What is the point of having Greek antiquities only in Greece, Egyptian antiquities in Egypt, and Chinese objects only in China? Is it not better that everyone should be encouraged to learn about other countries' pasts, to see how their own country fits in? We have seen only too clearly in this century where obsessive nationalism

Professor Anthony Snodgrass and his co-authors are firing in precisely the wrong direction. It is the Greek Government that they should be addressing, urging a change in its laws to allow the reasonable export of at least a proportion of all anoquioes

Only in this way will those in Guatemala be able to acquire some Greek antiquioes and be able to understand their own Mayan anoquides, and to enable the Greeks to learn something about the Maya.

We need to have more dispersion of antiquides - not less.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW SELKIRK Editor. Current Archoeology. 9 Nassington Road, NW3 2TX. February 15.

Case for Longbridge

From Mr Richord Burden, MP for Birmingham Northfield (Labour)

Sir, The article by William Rees-Mogg. "Rover is going nowhere" (February 8), makes a number of important points about over-capacity In the car industry. There is a strong global challenge that must be met. But he is wrong to write off Longbridge's role in that process.

There are productivity issues to address, but Lord Rees-Mogg takes no account of the ground-breaking agreement struck late last year between the trade unions and BMW management, providing for radical changes in working practices and flexible working

These changes were agreed in return for the investment by BMW to make Longbridge a world-class factory with a new model range. BMW

has already committed itself to build the new Mini at Longbridge, For BMW itself to remain globally competlove going into the next century, though, it also needs to produce a new high-volume, small-to-medium range, front-wheel-drive car. It would make sound business sense to do this at Longbridge — a site with considerable expertise in this field.

But the sums are huge, and alternative sites could be promoted not only outside Britain but outside the EU. That is why Government must also back the investment at Longbridge. Fifty thousand jobs and the livelihood of entire communities in my constituency and surrounding areas depend on Longbridge. It deserves the support of all of us and

RICHARD BURDEN, House of Commons. February 15.

Isles for sale

From Mr Uisdean Michie

Sir. Andrew Earnes's interesting article on the sale of three Scottish islands ("Fancy a Hebridean isle?", Homes, February 3) concluded with an erroneous speculation that the sale could stop the local families visiong where their parents once lived.

Outside ownership, whether by foreigners, expatriates, or Scottish or other Briosh residents, could not legally prevent visits to the islands. except named exclusion for a specific offence — as generally applies to access to other Scottish Highland estates. There is not yet an official 'right to roam" but there is no "right to general exclusion" in Scotland. where there previously was general access to "common" land.

described as crofters, a term which previously implied a form of secure tenancy. Sale of land, even by crofting owners, does not extinguish crofting rights, especially to the commonly shared land such as sheep-grazing areas. Ownership of land in the active crofting areas confers only limited powers to treat the land as an exclusive personal possession. Access to the islands can cononue to

Additionally, the Barra families

who are selling the islands are

be enjoyed by the local people limited only by the physical inaccessibility of these southernmost of the Western Isles (Eilean nan lar).

Yours sincerely. UISDEAN MacLEOD MICHIE. 21 Dunster Road, West Bridgford, NG2 6JF. February 4.

Organ removal

From Dr Alexander Fernondez

Sir, I have much sympathy with the families of children who were operated on at the Bristol Royal Infirmary and who have learned that organs were removed without the knowledge and consent of the parents (report, February 11).

Our second child was born with a very abnormal heart at a nime when corrective surgery was not available. We had a very worrying three months caring for him at home and watching him die.

We were not told if his heart or other organs were retained for further study. We hope that they were, and that as a consequence other children will have benefited from the study and knowledge derived from them.

Heart surgery has made great strides since then. As a young doctor the availability of specimens was of great importance to me, enabling me, I hope, to have become a better doctor. Yours faithfully.

ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ. Greenway. Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3EY. February 11.

Letters to the Editor for nublicatioo should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number e-mail 10: letters@the-times.co.uk **Pocket Pevsners?**

From Mr Groeme Woolaston Sir. I am delighted to learn from

Diary and Leners" [Books, February 11) that Nikolaus Pevsner's wonderful guides to English architecture are being put online, so enabling anyone with a laptop, a modem, and a mobile phone to gain instant access to informacon about any country church or building they happen to be visiong.

Nonetheless, the equipment involved is a tad cumbersome. Couldn't technology come up with a more ponable means of conveying the informa-oon, which might even fit into one's

Yours faithfully. GRAEME WOOLASTON, 10 Uist Crescent, Stepps, Glasgow G33 oBG. February 11.

Road manners

From Mr Edwin C. Carter

Sir. Vicki Butler-Henderson has advised her readers to pracose skidding round corners and not to bother stopping at junctions ("The Fast Lady". Go. January 16, February 6); these would seem contradictory to her suggestion that "lessons in sympathy for other road users" be included in driving tests.

Yours faithfully, EDWIN C. CARTER. Jesus Cotlege, Cambridge CB5 8B1_ecc25@hermes.cam.ac.uk

International debt for G7 agenda

From the Archbishop of Westminster Sir, On February 20 the Chancellor will attend a G7 finance ministers' meeting in Bonn to prepare for the next summit of leaders of the world's

richest countries in Cologne in June. The ministers must ensure that international debt is put high on the summii agenda. In recent years, a growing international consensus has led to a new inidaove to help the world's poorest countries saddled with unsustainable debt burdens. But so far it has delivered far too little, too

No one wants to see debt relief squandered on arms or dissipated through corruption, instead of helping the poorest people. But some highly indebted poor countries would be willing and able to spend the money saved on properly managed poverty alleviation and development programmes. They should be given far more generous debt relief now.

Taking decisive action to tackle debt by the jubilee year 2000 has fired the imaginations of ordinary people across the world. They know that with sufficient political will a yoke can be lifted from the necks of many of the world's poorest people as we cross the

threshold of a new millennium. The poliucians must not fail them If they seize the moment at the G7 summit by providing more resources and linking debt relief with poverty reduction goals, they will have taken a vital step towards the agreed OECD target of halving the proportion of the world's population living in absolute poverty by 2015. And they will have given us all another important reason

to celebrate the millennium. Yours faithfully, BASIL HUME, Archbishop's House. Westminster, SWIP IQJ. February 12.

Queen's governess

From Mr K. C. E. Ellison Davis

Sir, Although Queen Victoria had every reason to be grateful to Louise Lehzen, it was her uncle, George IV, who in 1827 created that remarkable daughter of a Lutheran dergyman a (Hanoverian) baroness (report, February 6). The gentleman behind the conferment was none other than her later bitter adversary Sir John Conroy. who felt that it would lessen the criticism expressed in some quarters that a mere Fraulein Lehzen was 100 lowly in rank to occupy the position of governess to the Princess.

Royalty has often shown itself less than willing to acknowledge its indebtedness to its servants. But on hearing of Baroness Lehzen's death, Queen Victoria did concede that she owed her much". A. C. Benson and Viscount Esher, editors of The Letters of Queen Victorio 1837-1861 (1907). observed that the Baroness had had "a large share in forming the Queen's

character". A more recent writer, Lady Longford, in her impressive (1904) biography of the Queen Empress, went even further, commenong that the Baron-ess had "handed over to the narion a potentially great queen".

Yours sincerely, KENNETH ELLISON DAVIS. Brahms Straat 2. 1077 HG Amsterdam. February S.

From Miss Joanna Richordson

Sir, Baroness Lehæn was in fact the governess, not the "nanny", of the future Queen Victoria; and the photograph of "a young Queen Victoria with her beloved nanny" is a photograph of the Queen herself, in her widowhood, with a young member of her family.

Yours faithfully, JOANNA RICHARDSON, 55 Flask Walk, NW3 IEY. February 7.

Death of Amy Johnson

From the Commodore of the Air Tronsport Auxiliary Association

Sir, Air Transport Auxiliary pilots did not fly with radio, so Amy Johnson could not have answered any "request made by radio for the colours of the day" (report, February 6).

Yours faithfully. DIANA BARNATO WALKER, Commodore. Air Transport Auxiliary Association. Horne Grange. Home, Surrey RH6 9LA. February 8.

Early bird

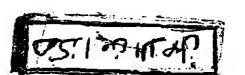
From Mr Dean Bailey

Sir. At dawn this morning I observed a well-dressed gentleman examining the contents of the public liner-hius on the seafront. His strange behaviour was explained when he produced a pair of nail scissors from his waistcoat pocket and began cutting out the Books for Schools tokens from discarded crisp packets

When I commended him on his initiative, he explained to me that if he began his search any later someone had usually been there before him.

Yours faithfully. DEAN BAILEY. 6 Greenfield Court, West Hill Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 INA.

February 10.



The Institute of



trian Gathering and Young Achievers Day at the Gleneagies Hotel Auchterarder, Perth and Kinross.

The Princess Royal, Patron. Scottish Association of Citizens

Advice Bureaux, later officially opened the Clackmannan District

Bureau, at 47 Drysdale Street,

Alloa. Clackmannanshire. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Clackmannan-

shire (Lieutenant Colonel Robert

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 15: The Duke of Edinhurgh this evening attended The Air League's 90th Anniversary Banquet at The Mansion House. City of London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, The Butler Trust, this morning visited HM Prison Castle Huntly, Longforgan, near Dundee, Perth and Kinross, and was received by Captain Andrew Gordon (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended the Scottish Eques-Irian Association's Scottish Eques-

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor, will attend a reception to celebrate Cambridge University's partnership with industry and business at St James's Palace at

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor. London University, will visit the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WCI at 10.30; will visit the Institute of Common-wealth Studies. 29 Russell Square. London WCI, at 12.30: and will present the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers' Princess Royal Award at Buckingham Pal-

The Duke of Kent, as Trustee, the National Museum of Science and Industry, will attend a reception at Spencer House, London, SWIA at

Princess Alexandra, President of Children's Country Holidays Fund, will attend the presentation of the "Investors in People" Award at FOCUS Central London Training and Enterprise Council, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WCI, at 2.00.

MBA Examination Results

The following Greenwich School of Management students were con-ferred with the degree of Master of Business Administration at the Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees of the University of Hull, February 4, 1999:

Hull, February 4, 1999:
David Holland (with Distinction), Soine Juelner (with Obstinction), Bolajoko Abidemi Tawakaling Afoija, Tauseef Akhar, Obiagell Nkerndilim Anowi, Yasir Najam Ansari, Zeeshan Awan, Grace Minayeneka Benedict, Tie Chen, Shirryi Sylvia Chou, Lena Ferdousi, Judy Kabura Gachathi, Sainahou Gaye, Karyu Goldsmith, Glassan Hashart, Fatiana Banchelian, Suphit Iqbal, Beatrice Iyamaba, Charles Kalayambe, Lin Lan, Asheesh Mathur, Aikhis Sandy Mensah, Chineze Uchema Mgbencena, Hua Mu, lan Leonard Murphy, Ashutosh Nangia, Zafrir Neuman, Kofi Nyamaah-Koffuor, Pamela Awele Okonkwa, Suni Panchal, Jean Amanda Pascoe, Krutika B Padel, Antit Patwardhan, Rajiv Simon Peter, Robert John PAOk, Supapan Preugpaibul, Abiola Oyindamela Quadri, Dhanuja Ramalingam, Elsa Maria Redwade, Barrington Christopher, Rose, Rufus Olubenga, Saloton, pher Rose, Rufus Olubenga Salotun, Repesh Shenoy, Rosemary Sithole, Olabisi

February 15: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Bridsh Museum Society Appeal, this evening attended a Dinner at the Museum. London WCI.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Birthdays today

Mr Paul Bailey, novelist, 62; Mr P.E.R. Bailey, former director, Garwick and Stansted Airports, 74; Mr Iain Banks, author, 45; Mr James Beaton, GC, former Chief Superintendent, Mctropolitan Police, 56; Professor Robin Clark, FRS, chemist, 64; Mr Arthur Crook, former Editor, The Times (iterary Supplement 85). Me Crook former Editor. The Immes Literary Supplement, 87; Mr F.G.R. Cuming, painter, 69; Sir Anthony Dowell, ballet dancer, artisoc director, Royal Ballet, 56; Mr David Emms, former Master, Dulwich College, 74; Professor J.R. Farndon, consultant surgeon, 53; Mr David Griffiths, portrait painter, 60; Viscount Harmwork, 53er, 60; Viscount Hanworth, 53: Professor Jack Levy, mechanical engineer, 73: Mr John McEnroe, tennis player, 40: Sir Michael Milne-Watson, former chairman, BUPA, 89: Mr J.D. Moore, former Headmaster, St. Dunstan's Col-lege, 56: Mr Peter Porter, poet, 70: Mr John Schlesinger, film director, 73: Sir James Swaffield, former director-general and Clerk to the GLC, 75; Sir Peter Webster, former

Olufunke Sotinwa, Nicole Louise Shyama-to Amanthy St George, Vutay Thirapatana, Luiz Tsayoshi Yamamoto,

High Court judge. 75: Mr Nunc Wilcox, former Chairman, the Garrick Club. 72.

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

The following Greenwich School of Management students were conferred with the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) at the Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees of the University of Hull, February 4, 1999:

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Robert Lary Rune Celsing (First Class), Malin Muria Maesson (First Class), Anders Olof Nilsson (First Class), Foda Reserson (First Class), Wesley Derek Brace Pollard (First Class), Wesley Derek Nilson (First American), Pedro Luis Araujo Pereira, Kassim Babutonde, Suman Chohan, Jose Cristiano Kerretra De Andrade, Mary Harris, Emma Farzana Husseyn, Irina Ivanovic, I-Tung Lee, Vera Musonda, Harrist Namulwayd, Roman Neulauser, Hentik Nilson, Prince Albert Idloff Oforl, Durothy Alice Olok, Lulzim Osmani, Vakonima Ottaviano, Jeany Parel, Nisthai Shah, Rorakim Sisay, Simon Joseph Smith, Tomohiro Suvarna, Benjamin Rhys Tempes, Mazine Rose Thomas, Samuel Koffie Williams, Wendy Eai-Lee Yeung.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.E.L. Coben and Miss B.B. Tan

The engagement is announced between Toby, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Cohen, of Derby, and Bernadette, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Tan.

The Hon Richard Curzon

and Miss E.R.H. Magnire The engagement is announced between Richard Francis Nathaniel. elder son of Viscount and Viscountess Scarsdale, of Kedleston, Derbyshire, and Emma Rachel Hilary, younger daughter of the late Mr Vincent Maguire and of Mrs Maguire, of Charlton.

Mr R.J. Hunt and Miss G.C. Phillipson

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Hunt, of Pershore, Worcestershire, and Clare, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Phillipson, of Loughborough.

Mr T.R.B. McLachlan and Miss J.M. Onley The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs Richard McLachlan, of Oarley Abbey, Derby, and Josephine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Oxdey, of Helsby, Cheshire.

Mr T.R. Tacon and Miss S.L. Church The engagement is announced between Tomline, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Tacon, of Rollesby, Norfolk, and Suzannah. younger daughter of Mr Anthony Church, of Long Melford, Suffolk, and Mrs Jennifer Church, of Topcliffe, North Yorkshire.

Lord Grade

A ceremony of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Grade will be held at the Prince of Wales Theatre. Coventry Street, London WI, on Sunday, April 18, at 7.00pm. Application for ockets should be addressed to: Marcia Stanton, c/o DDA, Royalty House, 72-74 Dean Street, London WIV 5HB.

Breakfast

Asian Business Breakfast Club Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, the politician and author, was the guest of honour at the Asian Business Breakfast Club's meeting held at the House of Commons on Thursday, February 11. Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla, co-conven-or of the Club, welcomed the guests, and presided at the meeting. Rabbi Planocy said the prayers. The Ambassador of Qatar, the Representative of the Palestinian Authority. Mr Keith Vaz, MP, and Sir Anwar Parvez were among the speakers. Mr Tim Boswell, MP, proposed the vote of

Reception

James Caird Society
The Hon Alexandra Shackleton, President of the James Caird Society, received the guests at a reception held last night at Dulwich College, London, to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of Sir Ernest Shackleton. Mr Harding the society, also spoke.



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national weather service, which since 1989 has been supplied by a commercial arm of the Meteorological Office. Clockwise from left, Trish Williamson, Laura Greene, Sian Lloyd and Fiona Farrell brighten up an overcast, windy, but dry day.

of the British Museum Society Great Court Appeal, was present

oriest court at the museum to mark the raising of one million pounds by the society for the museum. Mr Graham Greece, chairman of the

trustees, and Dr Robert Anderson, director of the museum, were the

hosts. Among others present were:

Lard Egreman, Lady Vaizey, Sr. Richard Thempoon, Lady Treshowan, Si. Simon Towneley, Sr. Manhew Farrer, Mr. Nicholas Barber, Mr. James Bishop, Professor John Mach, Dr. Jossica, Rawson, FBA, and other members of the museum staff and Rivish

Luncheon

48 Group Club The Chinese Ambassador, the Deputy Prime Minister and Mr Michael Heselane, CH, MP, were the principal speakers at a luncheon of the 48 Group Club held yesterday at Grosvenor House to mark the Chinese New Year (Year of the Rabbit. During the hinch-eon Mr Trevor McDonald was presented with the Rabbit of the Year award by Miss Angela Rippon.

Service dinner

Tist Yeomancy Signal Regiment Mr Nicholas Playne, Master of the Drapers' Company, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the 71st Yeomanry Signal Regi-ment Officers Diaing Club held last night at the Cavaby and Guards Club. Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton presided. Among others present were:

Col the Earl of Literarch, Major Lord Glassisk, Colonel Sir David Black, Lieuzeri-ans-Colonel C.H. Turner, Registerand Cost-mandoro, Gliner, Major-General T.A. Rich-ardson, Brigadiers C.A. Brown, P.A. Dully, J. E. Nerve and A. P. Verey, Colonels F.A. Anda, S. P. Podeke, G. D. Thompson, R. M. Volland

Dinners

Cardiff Business Club The President of Cardiff Business Air League 90th Anniversary The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of The Air League, was a speaker at a dinner held last night at The Mansion House to mark the 90th anniversary of the league. The Lord Mayor, Sir Michael Knight, president, and Dr Lord Gilbert, who read a message from the Prime Minister, also spoke. Mr Michael Marshall, chairman, presided. Senior members of the Club, Mr C.N.D. Cole, and the Lord-Lieutenam for South Glamor gan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Mr Tim Jones, Managing Direc-tor, Retail Banking Services, National Westminster Bank plc. Mr Peter Griffiths, Regional Director-Wales. National Westminster Bank plc, presided. sided. Senior members of the Aerospace Industry and HM Forees and their ladies were present. The British Museum
The Duchess of Cloucester, Patron

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Giarnhattista, Bodoni, type designer, Saluzzo, Italy, 1740: George Macaulay Trevelyan, histo-rian, Welcombe, Warwickshire, 1876; Robert Flaherty, film direc-tor, Michigan, 1883. tor, Michigan, 1881.
DEATHS: Richard Mead, physician, London, 1751; Lionel Lukin, lifeboat pioneer, Hythe, Kent, 1834; Leslie Hore-Belisha, 1st Baron Hore-Belisha, statesman and in-

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AD. Mr.; Barton JD. Mrs.; Bashart PJ. Miss.
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BURGIN To Lorna and Nick their beautiful daughter, Hannah Louise, oo January 9th, 1999. **CROWTHER - On February**

King, and Philip, a son, Thomas Joshoa Jordan FORESE - On February 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Jenniler and James, a 4th son, Mark Daolel, to

BRY - On ; ith February, to Larissa inte Townsendt and Nicholasa a beloved son. Samuel George. Welcomed grandchild for Paul and Sylvia Townsend and Peter and Sylvia Fry GOLD - On February 11th at The Portland Hospital, to The Portland Hospital, to Suzi and Alan, a beautifu daughter, Hollie, a sister for Matthew.

GOLDSMITH - On February Tth 1999 at Fembury Hospitel, Kent, to Justine (née Moore: and Philip, a splendid son. Luke Philip

GREENE - On 10th January. to Kay and Steve, a son, Benjamin Charles Samuel HARBER - On 13th January 1399, to David and Sophie tode Kulpers), a daughter, Maya Florence. JACOBS - On February 14th

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LISTER - On February 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Virginia (née Holmes) and Robert, a son, Tom. MRIS - On Tuesday 9th February 1999, to Helen into Foley; and Richard, a second beautiful son, Frederick David George, brother to William.

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OVERTON - On February 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Anna and Stephen, a daughter, Alexandra. A sister for Philip.

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TALFOURD-COOK - On 29th January to Ponelope (née Bricknell) and James, a

WENER - On 13th February to Marianna inée Lewis and Daniel, a daughter, Agatha, a sister for Dylan and Alfred.

WOMACK - On February 10th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Lucy Inde Hilton; and Stephen, a beautiful daughter, Jes

WOODS - On St Valentine's

RENNEY - On February 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Pency Inte Brandler; and Paul, a daughter, Lucinda Faith Pamela, a sister for Isabelle, Olivia, and Catharine

Day at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Magan ince Dickurseo) and Adam, a

Andrew Funeral Thursday 18th 1999, service at Barham Crematorium at 4.30pm. No flowers by request, denations, if desired to Pilgrims Hospics, t/o J. Dilnot Smith & Son. Beacon Lane. con Lane,

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SHARMA - On February 12th at The Portland Hospital. to Surbhi (Bhardwaj) and Bon, a daughter, Rishika, a sister for Ankita.

DEATHS

EDLEY - On 14th February

RENOUF - On 9th February, to Karen ince Broadley; and George, a daughter, Emma, a sister for Max and James.

son, Rupert William James, a brother for Amelia.

BOASE - Dorothy Malcolm of Wimbladon, poscefully on 13th February at Gaisworthy N.H. aged 102 years. Foneral at Putney Vale on February 19th at 2.00pts. Please no flowers.

CARR - Roy Lancelet,
Member of the Stock
Exchange. On Pabruary
12th 1993 peacefully at his
home to Preston.
Cacterbury, Keat. Beloved
husband of Molite and
father of Simon, Jane and
Andrew Funeral
Thursday Fabruary 18th

EARTH MURRAY - Neil Christopher, Captain CBE Boyal Navy (retd.), aged 61, suddenly at home in Kynaston, Shropshire, on 12th February 1998. Dearly beloved husband of Maurem, devoted father of Elizabeth, Flona, Kathleen, Jasper and father of Elizabeth. Flona, Kathleen, Jasper and Rupert and grandfather of Rebecca, Lydie and Thomas. Funeral service. Friday 19th February, at 1.00pm, St. Marrys Church Kinnerley. Memorial service, London in May. No flowers please but donations, il desired, to woodland planted in his memory, c/o W. Lewis & Son, 01691 682281.

BASHALL - Joanns Inée
Littletont, much loved
wife of Briso and sixter o
Eve, died pescefolly
February 13th. Funeral
2.00pm, 19th February at
Chichester Crematorium.
No flowers please, but
donatuous to the
Macmillao Unit, King
Edward VII Hospital.
Midbrarst, West Sussex
would be appreciated.

BIGGART - Pencefully at
Erakino Hospital on 13th
February 1909, William
Gibson, husbend of Jame
Intel and father of
Jame i Neal), William and
the late Rohin and the late
Elizabeth and grendfather
of his 10 grandchildren.
Much loved by all. Funeral
service on Friday 19th
February, 1999 at
Clydebank Crematorium,
North Dalnotter, at
10.30am. No flowers
please. Domatlors if
wished to the Erakine
Hospital 2000 Appeal tel
0141 812 1100.

BOWARDES - Mary
Margaret, beloved mother
of Susan, Judy and Penni
and most adored
grandmother of Sebrina,
Tyrons and Ells, died
suddenly but pescefully in
her alsep on Seturday 13th
February 1999. Memorial
Service to be announced.

To place death notices, PROST - On 13th February 1999 at home with his femily, David Richard (Dick) M.C., dearly loved husband of Leta and devoted father of James

years. He was one of this countries best musicians for over 40 years. He was at the top of his profession both as a juzz musician and also in the disciplined world of the studio. He always played with his heart and soul. Mach love by his children Cherry an Mei and grandchildren, Bianca, Meilsan, Darryl, Wesley and Naima. Cremation to be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherbead on Toesday 23rd February at 2.00pm. Flowers preferred but, if desired, donations to Campelign or the RSPCA. Any enquiries to W.A. Truebow & Son Ltd. Tel Ol81 642 8211.

CUDDIGAN - Vera Winifred. On 11th February 1999. Beloved wife of the time Dr. John Cuddigan, much loved mother of Ann. Brian and Jeremy and devoted grandmother and greet-grandmother.

devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at the Chirch of the Assumption of Our Lady, Harvest Road. Englefield Green, on Monday 22nd February at 12.30 pm, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only piesse. flowers only please. Enquiries to F. Harrison (01784) 432163.

COLIMS - Derek was released from a suddon illness in the early hours of Friday movums, 5th February 1999 aged 74 years. He was one of this countries best musicians

FORMESTER - Gwyneth, on 11th February 1999, aged 93. Beloved wife of the late Doneld, darling mother of Wendy, dear exter and augt. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Pebruary 22nd at 3.00pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Kentigern's Hospice c/o A Bennath and Sons, 81 Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex NG9 SEU.

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devoted father of James and Serah and grandlather of Edward, Katie and Oliver Cremation private. Service of Thanksgrving at St. Mary's Church, Hayes. Kent on Monday. Than February 1998 at 1.30pm. Family Howers only but donations, if wished, to the Marie Curie Foundation Cyo Francis Chappell, 337 Crolton Road.
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GEL-William David
Littlejohn Gill. aged 82
years, peacefully at
Inchmarlo House.
Banchory on Wednesday
February 10th 1999.
Younger son of the late W
S Gill of Dalhebity.
Funeral Service at St.
Ternan's Episcopal
Church, Banchory on
Friday February 26th at
1.00pm, thereafter to
Peterculter Churchyard.
All Insends respectfully
navited. Enquiries to Brian
Smith Funeral Service, 317
North Decede Road.
Peterculter. 0.224 732530.

ILICGAAN - Michael died

GLI/CRAAN - Michael died suddenly in hospital on 14th February. Dearly loved husband of Caroline soved husband of Carolini and father of Kate and Robert, Funeral od Sanday 21st February at 12 noon at Golders Green Crumstorium, Hoop Lans, NW11. HAMBER - Jill Aurio, Mary

PAMBER - Jill Aurio; Mary Pescalully after a short tilness on Fabruary 11th 1993, aged 69 years, at Trially Hospite. Claphan. Beloved wife of Geolfrey and mother of Michael and a much loved grandmother to Isobe. Phoebe and Jasper Private funeral at Mortaka Crematorium on Thureday February 18th at 3.50 pm. Flowers to W.S. Bond, 13 Bond Street. London W5 1012; 567 642. Donations, if deafred, to Trimity Hospics, Ciapham. A Memorial Clapham, A Memorial Service to celebrate Jill's life will be held in Lottdon on a date to be ampriosed

on a date to be announced MOGTON-On February 10th 1999 suddenly in her garden, Dilya Mary of Rockbank, Ardrishaig, Argyll and formerly of Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshere, in her 87th year Beloved wife of the late Wilfred Honorst, mother of Mary, John and Tim and grandmother of seven. KDEDALL - Peter, widow of Walbury, on 11th February, Foneral

CHONICK-JONES - Thomas
Gordon on 14th February
1999 as home in Lyme
Regis aged 73 years.
Hesband of Mary, father
of David, Mark and
Rebecca. He will be sadly
missed. A private
cremation will take place.
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Research 4/0 A.J. Wakely
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Lyme Regis, Dorast.

MacDONALD - Marjorie
Cecile Mary. Suddenly but
peacefully at Kelowns
Ceneral Hospital British
Columbia on January 27th
1999. Beloved shater of
Janet Stewart of Coll.
Devoted suot and greatsunt. Funeral took place
in Kelowns on January
30th. Donations if desired
to the Hesirt and Stroka
Foundation.

MATLAND-WARD - On February 13th 1997, peacefully at home after a long silness. Elizabeth. Beloved wife and best friend of John, and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at All Saints Church. Tottey. Sheffield. on Friday February 19th at 1.15pm. If desired. donations in Lisu of Lovens, to The Alzhvinner. Disease Society may be sent e/o G & M Lunt. Funeral Directors, 35 Abbay Lans. Shelfleid S8 OGB. Tel 0114 274 5508.

New - John Eric Tack", peacefully in his sleep at home on Wednesday 10th February aged 71 years, much loyed and missed by his son Keith and daughter Jacqueline, three grandshidren and very many briends. Funeral oo Friday 19th February at 12:30pm. Seckenham Crematerium, Eimers End Road, Donatton as Jack would have wanted to Star and Carter Home Richmond. NEW - John Eric Tack

PARKERSON - Citye David died pesses fully on 12th February at home surrounded by his family. Adored hisband and best friend of Sue Supporting, loving and hemorous dad to Jo, David and Hannah Fansral at St Leonards Church, Watlington, on Wadnesday 24th February at 230 pm sed afterwards in the Town Hall. No flowers but donations to League of Friends and sent to Watlington Hospital. Orders CYS 5.4 th. to Watlington Hospital, Oxford OX9 5AE, these

WIKER - Etisabeth Alica, AURCH - Efsabeth Alica, (formerly Lamont, péc Carden) died peacefailly on 12th February, after an illness courageously borne. Beloved wife of Cilva, mother of Lilies and Jane and grandmother of Charles and Eliza, Paueral Service at 5t Nicholas Church, luthenor on Thursday 18th February at 3.45pm. Flowers to Edward White's, South Pallant, Chiebester or douations if desired to The Motor Neurone Disease Association, PO Box 246. Northampton NN1 2PR.

will be med to buy essential equipment for patient care at home.

PARSONS - A.B.D. (Brian) died February 11th aged 65. Former Cambridge University and Surrey Cricketer. Beloved husband, father and syrandfather. Memorial Service at St Cyrlac's Church, Leock, near Chippenham, Witshire at 1pm Friday February 19th. No flowers but donations to Frenchay Hospital, Jack and Jill (Children's Appeal), Frenchay Park. Appeal), Frenchey Park, Bristol BS16 ILE

ROSRI - Sydney Frank, died suddenly on Saturday. 13th February 1999, sged 82. Seloved husband of Counie and devoted father of David and Jonethen. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Christchurch, Christchurch Read, Virginia Water Suggest on Christchurch Read, Virginia Water, Surrey on Thursday, 18th February at 2 pm. A memorial service will be held abortly in Central Louden. Enquirles: Tracey Bourman, Paisner & Co. (0171) 427 1777.

SANSOM - On February 12th 1999 poscefully at his home in Oadby, Lelcester, Leosard aged 67 years 15emsom's Cash & Carry: Dearly beloved husband of Barbara, loving father of Steven, Philip, Addison and Susan and a mach loved Grandpa. Tod be with you till we meet again' Loving wife Barbara. Funeral Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Oadby, on Friday February 18th at 12 noon followed by Interment at Oadby Cometery. Family flowers only. Donations payable to imperial Cancer Research of A.J. Adkinson & Son, independent Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leicester, LEC 5DG, Tek 601161

CUPES - George, beloved husband of Sophie, passe

husband of Sophie, passed away suddenly on 10th February 1999 in his 54th year. He was the dearly loved ded of Gloria, granded of Cathryn. Joanna and Kieren and great-practical of Oliver George. Funeral Service at Eafield Crematorium on Treadey 22rd February 1999 at 2:30 pm. Donations if daired to the N.S.P.C.C. Further enquiries to Enfield Funeral Pariour, 317 Baker Street, Enfield ENI 31.E. He was a gentle man and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

STOCK - Peter Stock MC TD on February 15th at his kome. A courageous man.

SUTER - Barbara, peacefully at home on Sunday February 14th 1999. Funeral on Fridary February 26th at 2 pm in St Andrews Church, Impington. No Bowers, donations to Christian WALKER - William
Alexander Riddell [Bill],
dearly loved husband of
Jean and brother of Relea
and Jim. Died pescafully
aged 92 in Washington
D.C. USA Friday 12th
February 1899. Late H.M.
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desired to a cancer fund of
choice.

WHITE - Valerie De La Cour inde Ray). In hospital on Saturday, February 13th, Beloved wife of the late Bentham. Destry loved mother of Michael, Jecenty, Nichola and Elizabeth, Grandmother, Annt and Grast-Annt. Service of Thanksgiving tomorrow Wednesday at 11.30 am in St John Baptist Church, Helens Bay, Co. Down. Family Govers caly. Donations in Heu, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation or the Helens Bay and Craigavad Branch, Royal British Legion c/e John Gray & Co., 30 Central Avenne, Banger, BTEO 2AU.

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Wilkingon - Dr John
Douglas, aged 77 years,
died pescatully at home on
February 11th, 1990.
Dearly loved husband of
Mary, loving father of
Anne, Helena, Hugh and
Christopher and devoted
grandfather to Jonathan,
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Towkesbury Hospital. peace, your loving Mother Lynda, Time tells all

NELAND - Bryan 20/5/43 -16/2/97. Loved always Eve, Adam and Laura. Lux

WCODCOCK - Thomas of Hurst Green and Hasingden, Lancashira, stdddenly on 13th February 1929 aged 20 years. Beloved husband of Mary and loving father of Thomas and Catherine and grandfather of Francis. Funeral at the Parish Church of 5t John the Evangelist, Hurst Green, Fridey 19th February 1920 at 2 pm. Flowers to and arrangements by Mesers. H. Whalley & Sons, 94 Ripon Street, Preston, tel: (01772) 254936. WOODCOCK - Thomas of

MRGHT - Audrey, pescufully in hospital on February 15th 1999, aged 85, dear mother of Angel 85, dear mother of Angel and beloved wife of the late Lt. Cdr. J.R. (Jack) Wright R.N. Rat'd. Lovin stepmother, grandworker Wright R.N. Ret'd. Loving stepmenther, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and great-grandmother. Privately at Pentland Chapel, Mortonhall Crematorium, followed by Memorial Service at St. Adrian's Episcopal Church, Guilane on Friday 19th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

PRESHT - Sidney Thomas, CHE; CEng; FIEE; died unacpectedly on February 11th aged 80. Formas Deputy Director of ASWE Portsdown. Cremation on Tuesday February 23rd at 12 noon at Partchester Crematorium, No flowers plasse but any donations lematorium. No flowers please but any dometions for NSPCC c/o Grady's Funeral Directors, 23 Mongham Road, Hayling Island PO11 9BG.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LIFWELLYN-DAVIES - A Manorial Service for the life and work of Cathleen Lieweilyn-Davice will be held at The Mothers' Union, Tofton Street, London SWI on Tweedey 9th March at 2 pm. IN MEMORIAM -

MDON - Charlotte Helena Louise 19.7.72 - 16.2.90. In loving memory of my beloved daughter Charlotta, time changes nothing in my heart you live forever. God's justice on those near and far away who caused your death.
Until we meet again my Charlotte Roo rest in

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KENNETH DE COURCY

Kenneth de Courcy, financier, died on February 8 aged 89. He was born on November 6, 1909.

Baron Munchausen fantasist and adventurer, Kenneth de Courcy, who styled himself Duc de Grantmesnil and Chancellor of the Order of the Three Orders, had been a friend to peers and adviser to ambassadors until his arrest and conviction for fraud, perjury and forgery in 1963. His escape the following year from a Lincoln's Inn solicitor's office, where he had been taken for his appeal while serving a seven-year jail sentence, was the most sensational happening in a life full of unlikely incidents.

Kenneth Hugh de Courcy lost his father when he was two years old, allegedly as a result of his head being blown off in a magic lantern show. Educated at King's College School, Wimbledon, and by "travelling abroad", de Courcy made a considerable private fortune from property deals in his twenoes. In 1930 he was commissioned into the Supplementary Reserve of the Coldstream Guards. leaving two years later.

In 1934 he became honorary secretary to the Imperial Policy Group, soon becoming its chief observer of foreign affairs. This shady, extremely right wing pressure group had the Earl of Mansfield, Lord Clive, Lord Phillimore and Victor Raikes, MP, on its notepaper and in the appeasement period it afforded de Courcy introductions to a number of prominent European poliocians of the day.

In 1936 he met Mussolini, Edward Benes of Czechoslovakia and President Schuschnigg of Austria. In 1938 he led a delegation to King Boris of Bulgaria. In 1983 de Courcy published papers relating to these discussions in a book enotled Secret Reports of Prime Minister Chamberlain, which showed how anodyne they were. By then, however, he had built a career analysing international politics and purveying gloriously improbable conspiracy theories.

He opposed the war, his mother being German and his opinions pro-fascist. He avoided service by forging his medical certificate. Little is known of his activities during the war, although by the end of it he had some lucrative consultancy contracts with various American steel concerns.

II was the Cold War, and the need for secret information as to Soviet intentions, that made him a reputation. His Intelligence Digest, of which he was editor from 1938 to 1969, retailed a regular diet of genuine news stories and "Reds under the Bed" espionage scares. His information came partly from his contacts with the Eastern and Central European Right, and partly from his fertile imagination. De Courcy wrote the endre publication himself. It grew in circulation to some 200,000 subscribers, with a particularly strong following in the American mid-West.

One of the most celebrated, if least convincing, conspiracy theories the Digest advanced concerned the sinister "Force X", a secret international organisadon whose aim was, of course, to take over the world. Although discount-

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Kenneth de Courcy, left, leaves Wormwood Scrubs in January 1969, accompanied by his butler Parkin

ed by those in the know, the Digest nevertheless became required reading in embassies and chancelleries around the world, and de Courcy managed to annicipate an event or hit upon a connection regularly enough to maintain his subscribers' faith and confound his detractors.

Sometimes he got his facts spectacularly wrong, as when in 1949 he accused the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hugh Dalton, of corrupdon and had to pay substandal damages. Overall, however, the Digest and, after 1958, its sister publication The Weekly Review prospered. This was largely due to the way its ano-communist uncompromisingly stance appealed to subscribers.

Despite being an accomplished name-dropper and crashing snob, de Courcy was a stimulating conversationalist and generous friend. He lived in the grand style, his finances bolstered somewhat by disinclination to pay tax. He wanted to live the life of an 18th-century nobleman, and to a great extent he succeeded. He was a generous and amusing host and his country home, Cerney House in Gloucestershire, was thronged with politicians, ambassadors, aristocrats and foreign royalty. They eagerly accepted, indeed sought out, his hospitality, knowing that de Courcy was always engaging company, and that laughter was never far away from him.

His imagination, his kindness and willingness to take infinite pains for his children made him a stimulating father. He would indulge them, encouraging them to believe in magic and the supernatural. In return he expected them to pray for Conservadve victories at elections, informing them in 1959 that if they did not petition God for Macmillan to win they would all have to live in a hut on a Swiss hillside.

In August 1963, de Courcy was arrested for his part in a Elmillion Rhodesian land development deal which had been launched on a false prospectus. Though several others were also involved in the affair, it was de Courcy who went to prison after he was caught falsifying documents. In the course of the trial de Courcy sacked his counsel and attempted to defend himself. On December 13, 1963, be was convicted of fraud, forgery and perjury

and was sentenced to seven years'

unprisonment.

In June 1964, during his appeal, he gave his warders the slip outside his solicitors' offices. "I moved pretty damn quickly", he remembered. Catching a taxi in Chancery Lane, he went to Victoria where he bought dark glasses and took a bus to the East End, hoping to mix with the crowds. "You get an extraordinary feeling that everyone is looking at you," he said later.

From there he went to Fareham in Hampshire, where he hoped to gain the help of a family friend whose wartime work with the French Resistance he wrongly believed gave her contacts with the anti-de Gaulle terrorist organisation, the OAS. He intended to cross the Channel and throw himself upon their protection before giving a press conference to clear his name. He booked into the Red Lion Hotel in Fareham under the assumed name of Foster and went to bed. At midnight the police arrived, having been tipped off by the friend, and he was

rearrested. While at Wormwood Scrubs, de Courcy shared a cell with George Blake, who had been given a life sentence for spying for the Soviet Union. Despite their very different political viewpoints, and de Courcy's belief that the KGB had framed him over the Rhodesian deal, the two men

became confidants; when de Courcy discovered Blake's escape plans he did not tell the authorioes.

On leaving prison in 1969, de Courcy was picked up by Parkin, the family's faithful butler. He had the capacity to inspire great devocon in his staff, of wbom he employed a large number before his fall. Ever confident of his abiliões, he started a brand new news-sheet, having lost control of the Digest, and began life afresh. His ruling passion for foreign affairs was undimmed, and as recently as 1993 he had offered to give evidence to the arms-to-lrag inquiry, though this was not required. He also pursued the second crusade of attempting to clear

In his desire to reinvent himself, and wben many a lesser man might have despaired, de Courcy began to erect an exooc aristocraoc facade around him-self. He claimed descent from Charlemagne and clung to his right to style himself the Duc de Grantmesnil, a otle dating back to the Holy Roman Empire. He was as generous with his otles as with everything else; both his sons became marquesses and one day he informed his elder daughter that his genealogical research had revealed that she was in fact the Princess of Lorraine.

De Courcy's crime was not so much one of fraud - no one could have lost very much over the Rhodesian deal except himself - as of hubris. His belief in himself was such that he had little time for the minuoae of the law. He saw his personality as painted on a broader canvas than that of normal

He married, in 1950, Rosemary Baker, the daughter of a naval commander. The marriage was dissolved in 1973 and he is survived by their two sons and two daughters.

HERBERT KLINE

Herbert Kline, documentary film-maker, died in Los Angeles on February 5 aged 89. He was born on March 13, 1909.

ONE of the first sociopolitical documentary film directors, or as he liked to call himself "a foreign correspondent of the screen". Herbert Kline was on hand to record many of those crises which paved the road to war in the 1930s. He learnt his film-making in the crucible of the Spanish Civil War and his Heart of Spain is a graphic account of that savage and bitter conflict. He was similarly present during the Czechoslovak agony and then, when general war engulfed Europe in 1939, he captured on film the overwhelming of Poland by the German war machine. In the 1950s his left-wing leanings led to his falling foul of McCarthyism and he was never able to develop the mainstream Hollywood career he would have liked.

Herbert Kline was born into prosperous middle-class circumstances in Davenport. Iowa, a typical mid-Wesi American town which he always stigmanised "an intellectual Sahara", Rebelling against this background he sharpened his radical instincts in a youth spent, from the age of 14, in wandering round America and seeing at first hand the terrible effects of the Depression on the lives of the vulnerable elements in society. Though his parents protested. he made up for the lack of formal education this vagrant life necessarily entailed, by reading voraciously: Tolstoy. Dostoyevsky, Walt Whitman, and John Dos Passos.

Later, in New York, he joined the New York Film and Photo League, a radical documentary-making organisadon. He was drawn like many

left-wing intellectuals, to visit Europe by the conflict in Spain and was working as a writer and speaker for a Republican radio station when a Hungar-ian photographer, Geza Karpathi, came to the studio and asked him to co-operate with him on a film about the struggle. At that stage neither man even knew how a movie camera worked, but this did not deter them. And the result of their collaboration. Heart of Spain (1937), a documentary about a Madrid woman who meets the soldier whose life she has saved by giving blood to him, made Kline's name when it was released in New

In 1038 he made Return to Life, again about the Spanish conflict in harness with the French photographer and film-maker Henri Cartier-Bresson.

Kline remained in Europe, where events were taking a more sinister turn with the German annexation of the Czech frontier lands in 1938. He bluffed his way into German-occupied territory by pretending to be pro-Nazi (he was in fact Jewish] and filmed rallies and parades at close quarters. He even had the eerie experience of having his equipment carried by Nazi stormtroopers, and then of directing them in from of his camera. As he was to recall later "It was strange for one of my verboien and despised racial origin to have a troop of SA men to do my bidding and march and Heil! and shout, as they were told."

The result of this strange collaboration. The Crisis, was released in 1938. With events in Europe moving to the rhythm of Hitler's timetable of conquest, Kline wirnessed the German invasion of Poland in September 1939 and recorded il for his film Lights Out in Europe |1940). Its ode, echoing as it did Sir Edward Grey's sombre pronouncement on the eve of a previous world war, prefigured the Continent's enslavement to Nazism over the next five years.

He returned to America to collaborate with John Stein-beck on *The Forgotten Village* [1941], a remarkable film about peasant life in Mexico. In a Europe at last liberated from the evil of Nazism it was honoured as Besi Feature Documentary at the Brussels Film Festival of 1947. In 1947, too. Kline returned to the theme of Europe under Nazism in My Father's House, which was among the first films to document the Holo-**Caust**

But from the outset of the new decade, clouds were gathering on the home front for radicals of Kline's kidney. Senator Joseph McCarthy and his House un-American Activioes Committee deplored his left-wing leanings with a vehemence which appeared to outweigh any approval which might have accrued to those of his films which had exposed the nature of tyranny.

Kline was blacklisted and like so many in similar circumstances found his career blight ed. His dream of becoming a feature filmmaker was dashed and he did not resume directing unol 1970, when he returned to Mexico to make the documentary Walls of Fire.

Kline's marriage to Josine lanco-Starrels was dissolved. He is survived by a son and



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AIR MARSHAL SIR DONALD HALL

Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, KCB, CBE, AFC, died of cancer on January 12 aged 68. He was born on November 11, 1930.

DONALD HALL found himself centre-stage 25 years ago, when Turkish forces invaded Cyprus. As commander of the RAF base at Akrotiri, Britain's largest overseas, be worked around the clock with his staff, organising a major Bridsh evacuacion. They had to cope with holidaymakers trapped by the Turkish landings in northern Cyprus and with thousands of refugees seeking sanctuary within Britain's two

sovereign base areas. Air Commodore Hall, as he then was, had arrived there at the end of 1973, after making his early reputation as a test pilot and winning the Air Force Cross. As a young flight lieutenant in the 1950s he had been seconded to the Royal Jordanian Air Force as a flying instructor, before having to make a burried exit at the time of Suez.

He had gone on to fly a wide variety of strike aircraft at the Royal Aircraft and Armaments Experimental Establishment, Boscombe Down, before being given command of the Empire Test Pilots School at Farnborough in the 1960s.

On his return from Cyprus. Hall was rewarded with promotion to air vice-marshal and the command of No 11 Group. the successor to Fighter Command. This was followed by his first posting to the Ministry of Defence, as Assistant



Chief of the Air Staff (Operational Requirements). In 1980, he took over 38 Group, the RAF's largest group Isaid to be bigger than Air France), responsible for all transport and tactical flying in support of the Army. He was

therefore deeply involved in the 1982 Falklands conflict.

His final appointment. in

structured by Michael Heseltine. As such he was responsible for handling the pro-gramme for an all-British early-warning aircraft based on the Nimrod. The project was eventually abandoned in favour of the American AWACS - a decision that Hall and others had been advocating for some time. He

retired from the RAF in 1986. Donald Percy Hall was born in Hull, and went from grammar school to Cranwell. graduating as a fast jet pilot. On leaving the RAF he joined the aerospace industry and was chairman of Marconi Defence Systems, 1987-89. He then became deputy chairman of GEC-Marconi, travelling the world on the company's behalf, before retiring in 1995.

Hall was a kind, almost self-effacing man who was nonetheless blessed with a single-minded determination to get things done. He rarely raised his voice, but could do so on those few occasions with devastating effect. Standing oft 4in tall, he had to squeeze into a fighter cockpit. But he kept himself lean and fit,

1983, was Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Systems) in a ministry which had been reministry which had been reyears, by hill-walking. A shared love of the Highlands persuaded him and his wife Joyce to retire to Aberdeenshire, from where they would scale the Cairngorms.

Hall was a member of the "Colonels Club", an informal group of rising stars in the RAF who came together in 1980 and decided that, whatever else happened on their climb to the top, they would meet with their wives for a reunion every year. Their adoption of the name "the Colonels", with its overtones of Greece and other coups d'état. was a tongue-in-cheek riposte to their seniors in Whitehall who, on hearing of their intendon, became concerned that a sinister plot was being hatched. In fact four of them became air marshals, three of them air chief marshals and one a marshal of the RAF. They agreed that the group would stay in being unol only two remained alive. The last pair would then lunch together for a reast to "absent friends". Don Hall, who failed for the first ome to attend last year's event, is survived by his wife and two daughters.

A NOISY **MEETING**

Last night a public meeting, convened by the East London Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society, was held at the Shoreditch town halt. to protest against the unnecessary merfer-ence of the vicar of the parish, the Rev Septimus Buss, with matters outside his parochial duties, to the annoyance of a large section of rate-payers and influential parish-ioners. The vicar having formed a Shoreditch Vigilance Committee for the purpose of watching the local public houses, the meeting was called, and the lown hall was granted on the pedoon of 50 disinterested raterayers. Mr Buss thereupon intimated to the organisers of the meeting that he, with his supporters, would attend, with the view of moving an amendment to any resolution that might be

moved condemning his action.

Some time before the proceedings began the building was crowded. When Mr F.N. Charrington, LCC, endeavoured to nount the platform a rush was made by some persons to planting a list was made by some persons to stop him, but he was enabled to gain a footing, though not until after a portion of the brasswork surrounding the stage had been broken. Mr W. Hudson (spirit merchant), who presided, was greeted with mingled cheers

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The Rev Septimus Buss, Vicor of Shoreditch, who held firm views about strong drink, formed a committee to keep watch on local public houses. His action was resented by the licensees

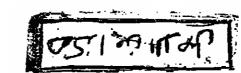
and hooting. He said that they had not met to discuss the great temperance question. The meeting had been called to consider an important and extraordinary resolution, and he trusted that all present, after it had been passed, would leave the half better Christians. The rest of the chairman's remarks were continually interrupted. Amid great uproar Mr Cawler moved. That the distribution of the cards headed 'Hints to Watchers' by the Rev Septimus Buss, to the Shoreditch Vigilance Comminee, is deserving of the severest condemnation; such action, in the

opinion of this meeting, being immoral, un-English, and a totally unnecessary interfer-ence with a respectable class of tradesmen. who are licenced by the State, who also contribute targety to imperial and local taxation, and against whom the police possess ample powers to take legal proceedings in the event of any infraction of the law."

Mr Leah then rose to second the motion,

but the uproar greatly increased. In the gallery a free fight was in progress, and open challenges were thrown out on all sides. challenges were thrown out on all sides.

The chairman now claimed order for Mr Buss. Upon rising he was greeted by vehemen cheering and hooting. For a long time the uproar was very great. Mr F.N.Charrington next attempted to address the neeting, speaking from the platform. He was speedily howled down. As the uproar increased, the chairman rose and said he regretted that the temper of the meeting was such that they would not give the revegentleman the hearing to which he was entitled. Consequently he was compelled to put the resolution. After a show of hands had been taken for and against, the chairman been taken for and against the chairman declared the result to be a tie, but a second voic being taken, the resolution was declared to be carned. The meeting terminated amids great disorder and Mr Buss had to be escorted by the police until he was well out of the



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Byers scraps wage rules

Stephen Byers is risking his first confrontation with the trade unions by allowing employers to escape the need to keep special records to show that they are observing the minimum wage. And the Industry Secretary has scrapped plans for details of the minimum wage to accompany every payslip.

Mr Byers has concluded that the regulations would be too burdensome and costly for industry and that the publicity surrounding the launch of the minimum wage on April I will be enough to inform people of their entitlements......

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Tony Blair gave his approval to genetically modified food. Downing Street said that the Prime Minister thought it was safe, that he are it himself, and that he believed it could be tastier, cheaper and healthier... . Pages 1. 4

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Britain's best nurses and doctors will be rewarded with higher wayes under a radical shake up of NHS pay announced by the Government.

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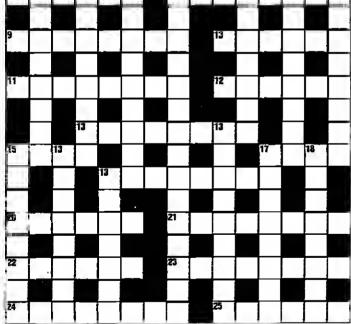
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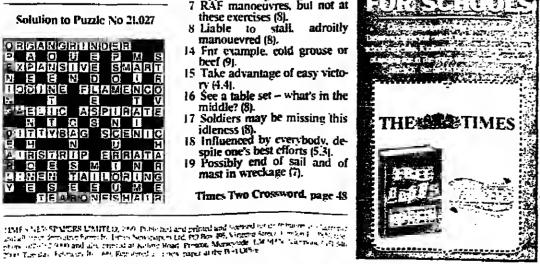
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Mobile phone operator lines up German rival

Orange aims for E-Plus deal

By Chris Ayres

ORANGE, Britain's third-largest mobile phone company, is understood to be in talks with E-Plus, its German rival, which could lead to a multibillion-pound alliance between the two companies. The deal could involve Orange bidding for a controlling stake in E-Plus, which is currently thought to be worth up to £15 billion. Alternatively, Orange could become a "virtual network pperator" in Germany by bulk-purchasing several billion minutes of air time

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from E-Plus and re-selling them under its own brand Sources close to Orange say the company is prepared to go to the market to raise cash to help to fund any potential deal.

Talks between Orange and E-Plus come as the German mobile phone company faces the possible loss of two large shareholders — Vodafone and Bell South. Vodafone needs to sell its 17.5 per cent stake in the company to help it to gain regulatory clearance for its £67 billion merger with AirTouch of the US. If the merger goes ahead, the combined company

will instead focus on Air-Touch's stake in the more successful German mobile phone operator, Mannesmann.

Meanwhile, it is thought that Bell South is also considering selling its 22.5 per cent stake in E-Plus. It is understood that the US operator has failed to come to an agreement with Otelo, E-Plus's controlling shareholder, which would have seen the companies work together more closely. Otelo is owned by Veba and RWE, the diversified German utilities. Analysts believe that Otelo is frustrated with the disappoint-

ing performance of E-Plus and would welcome a new partner. However, it bas yet to agree to Orange buying a controlling stake in the company. If such a deal did go ahead. E-Plus would be rebranded Orange, and the British company would parachute in new management. The deal would give Orange an estimated two mil-lion customers in Germany.

The talks between Orange and E-Plus are part of a wider offensive to be launched on the European market by Orange, partly inspired by the merger of AirTouch and Vodafone. If

Orange's negotiations with E-Plus fail, the company is un-derstood to be considering a ously said that it expects its in-ternacional expansion strategy to be heavily based on operatsimilar deal with Bouygues. the French mobile phone group. Again, the company could try to buy a controlling stake in Bouygues — the 20 per cent stake owned by Britain's Cable & Wireless is currently up for sale — or it could bulk-buy air ome from the company to become a "virtual

network operator". Although it is thought that Orange would like to control at least one other network in Europe, the company has previ-

were launched in 1994, and both were late entrants to their to be heavily based on operating so-called virtual networks. respective markets. However, while Orange went on to estab-lish a highly successful brand Alexander Gunz, a telecoms analyst at ABN Amro, the in-E-Plus struggled to compete

vestmem bank, said: 'The Ger-man marker would offer a lot with its larger rivals.

Orange, headed by Hans Snook, is also preparing to bid of potendal to Orange, given the size of the country and its for a "third generation" morelatively low market penetrabile phone licence in the UK, tion. The Vodafone/AirTouch deal has also sped up mobile which would see the company introduce services such as vidphones deals, with companies eo conserencing. The auction is expected to take place early such as Orange keen to get a presence outside their home

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STOCK MARKET MOICES

LONDON MONEY

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THE publication of an independent report condenuning unit trusts for being overpriced and offering poor value has been delayed after an out-cry from the fund manage-

for the Financial Services Authority, the City watchdog, said investors were losing billions of pounds a year because of charges. Kevin James, who started his research while working for the Securities and Exchange Commission, the senior US financial regulator, argues that investors have to put in £1.55 to get the full mar-ket return for £1.

publish this report they will support the idea of a debate." An FSA official said that the

paper was a draft and that as yet there had been no decision on whether or not to publish it.

er, he said he could not comment on the status of the report at this stage. The dispute comes only weeks before the launch of individual savings accounts (Isas). which will replace Peps and Tessas in April. It also comes at

a time when the Government is trying to encourage more peo-ple to save and highlight bestbuy funds by using the quality-assurance Catmark. To qualify for a Catmark, funds must not levy annual charges of more than I per cent. On average. funds charge 1.5 per cent a year with 5 per cent in inioal fees. Mr James's paper will stoke up the debate over the perform-

ance of managed funds just as fund managers gear up for the final round of Pep sales. Managed funds have been criticised by several surveys that suggest investors may be betier off in tracker funds.

FSA to delay scathing unit trust report

BY SUSAN EMMETT

ment industry.

The study, written by an American economist working STERLING New York SSS DOLLAR London.

The study, however, was criticised by the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) as "just simply wrong". Philip Warland, directold the FSA that it was flawed

and that it was likely to damage their reputation. We did not tell them not to publish." The report was to be published by the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation. an independent think-tank. Andrew Hilton, director of the CSFI said: "I very much hope that if the FSA doesn't let us

Mr James aired his ideas last night at the London School of Economics. Howev-

Commentary, page 27 ing the necessary funding.

Biotech

By Paul Durman

THE British Biotech cancer drug once seen as a potenoal blockbuster has failed to produce the desired results in the first completed human trials, raising serious doubts about the future development of the compound.

The potenoal of marimastat as a treatment for a wide range of cancers briefly gave British Biotech a stock market value of £2 billion. Yesterday its shares fell 17 per cent to a new low of 214p, valuing the company at about just £140 million.

It has also emerged that the British Medical Association is backing Andy Millar. sacked last year as British Biotech's director of clinical trials, in his compensation banle. His action in warning a large shareholder of poor trial results and the company's over-optimism precipitated a crisis that led to the departure of the chief executive and a fundamental change of strategy.

The BMA has said it will bear iens of thousands of pounds of Dr. Millar's legal costs because it believes his case raises "issues of fundamental importance to the medical profession".

Results of a phase III study of marimastat in pancreatic cancer largely bear out Dr Millar's warnings. None of three different doses proved better than Gemzar, the existing standard therapy, although a secondary analysis suggests that the highest 25mg dose might be as good Peder Jensen, development director, rejected a suggestion that British Biotech's chances of success could have been improved had it listened to Dr Millar. He said Dr Millar had insufficient information to back his judgment, adding: "It just happened that he may have been right in some of the things he predicted at that time."

British Biotech's thirdquarter results showed losses for the year so far cut by 20 per cent to £24.5 million. with £100 million of cash on its books.

The Times is also bearing part of Dr Millar's legal costs, under the terms of an affidavit he gave the paper when it was contesting an iojunction.

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Frankfurt builds challenge to London

By SIGRID AUFTERBECK AND CARL MORTISHED

FRANKFURT will next month launch a property challenge to London's pre-eminent position as the financial centre of Europe. Construction work will start on another big office complex in Frankfurt, forming part of a ten-year masterplan to build 20 skyscrapers to lure the world's financial powerhouses to the German city.

light, a 355,000 sq ft complex, designed by Richard Rogers. with trading floors designed to attract investment banks. Another development near by. Die Welle, will provide 377,000 sq ft, also with trading floors to satisfy Frankfurt's ambition to corner more of the lucrative securities industry.

The two developments form part of "Frankfurt 2000", a plan to create 60.5 million sq ft the city's chief planner, said: Frankfurt 2000 is our invitation to the world. As Frankfurt has gained momentum by the locating of the European Central Bank, we are prepared to take the role of the Euro-City."

Frankfurt's plans will undoubtedly impinge on the ex-pansion plans for London's Canary Wharf. Jonathan Adams. of DTZ Debenham Thorpe.

are pushing hard to sell their city, offering discounts of up to

Work is due to start on Sky-ght, a 355,000 sq ft complex, next decade. Martin Wentz, a genuine threat "Banks that used to turn down offers from Frankfurt are now examining them thoroughly," he said. Frankfurt property brokers

> 20 per cent off headline rents. Robert Menke, of Jones Lang Wootton in Frankfurt. says he has been approached by UK institutions seeking space. Frankfurt is wooing int

ernational banks, and Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley have signed deals to increase their occupancy there. Incentives include fitting-out costs and rent-free periods. Herr Menke expects a second wave of internacional banks to come trading space in Frankfurt, which will be met during the

next years," he said.

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Hazlewood and **Booker** to shed 900 jobs

the British food industry yesterday as Booker announced the closure of a distribution centre in Northampton and Hazlewood Foods said it is to shut down a factory in Cam-

Booker is cutting 612 jobs in total. More than 500 will come from the closure of its Northampton distribution centre and call centre. Jobs will also go at its Hatfield, Haydock and Bristol operations. The cuts arise from the sale by Booker of the goodwill and some assets of Booker Wholesale Foods to Palmer & Harvey McLane, a privately owned distribution company.

for £4.4 million. Although Palmer & Harvey McLane, which is based in Hove, East Sussex, and which had turnover of £2.4 billion last year, is acquiring the busi-ness, in does not need all of the

NEARLY 900 jobs were lost in existing warehouse space, vehicles or staff. .

The redundancies and other associated costs will result in a £23 million exceptional loss this year for Booker.

Stuart Rose, chief executive of Booker, said that the sale "tidies up" the core cash-and-carry business.

Efforts are still being made to sell Booker's food service business, its fish farming and its poultry divisions. Refinancing talks with Booker's banks are continuing and are thought unlikely to conclude before Easter. Its shares fell 714p to 6414p.

Hazlewood Foods is axing 250 jobs through the closure of its loss-making sliced cooked meats and delicatessen factory at Wisbech in Cambridge-shire. The closure will lead to an-exceptional charge of £20 million. Its shares closed 345p higher at 1184p.

US ruling for Griffin traders

By JASON NISSE

TRADERS on Liffe, who lost thousands of pounds when a rogue trader brought the collapse of Griffin Trading at Christmas, will be able to recover 80 per cent of their losses after a US ruling.

Many of the traderswere threatened with ruin when John Park, a 27-year-old dealon Park, a 27-year-old deal-er, lost £6.2 million and forced Griffin into liquida-tion. They had been told they might only see two fifths of the money they had tied up with Griffin, a clearing house based in London and

Chicago, when it collapsed. However, Finbarr O'Connell and Mike Jervis of Grant Thoroton, the provi-sional liquidators of Griffin, have established that under US law the traders are preferential creditors.

Yesterday they wrote to Griffin's clients saying that, thanks to this ruling, the traders should receive up to 80 per cent of their money back.

Warburg Pincus arm falls to **Credit Suisse**

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP, Europe's fourth-largest bank, vesterday made its biggest move yet into the US fund management market with the \$650 million (£400 million) purchase of Warburg Pincus Asset Management.

The bank, Switzerland's second-largest financial services group is taking a 19.9 per cent stake in the Wall Street partnership Warburg Pincus but is buying the firm's asset management business outright. The deal comes after a year of the Swiss trying to persuade Warburg Pincus to sell.

The deal will see the Warburg Pincus arm merged into Credit Suisse Asset Management. With Warburg Pincus's £14 billion of assets under management, Credit Suisse's total assets under management will total £150 billion. Lukas Muhlemann, the chief executive of Credit Su-

isse, said Warburg Pincus's expertise in the US market, especially in the lucrative high-net worth sector of the mutual fund industry, would be cru-cial to Credit Suisse's growth in the US. Mr Muhlemann said: "It is

a critical strategic move to com-plete our product capability, expand our US presence and better address client needs. The result will be greater service to clients, opportunity for employees and value for shareholders."

Warburg Pincus owes its ori-gins to the legendary Eric War-burg, who escaped Nazi Germany in the 1930s and made his fortune on Wall Street. It has made its name in the UK as an investor in several highprofile businesses including Channel 5, and the Jordan Formula One motor racing team. as well as John Charcol, the mortage broker.

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By Dominic Walsh

THE former lo and Out club on London's Piccadilly could become a luxury hotel under an ambitious £150 mil-lion scheme put forward by Peter Lukas, the property developer.

Mr Lukas, through his company. Duke of Saxony Enterprises, has submitted plans for a site covering not only the In and Out Club but also the adjoining leeni nightclub, which he already owns, and the Green Park Hotel.

Subject to planning consent, he is proposing to buy the entire site, turning it into a 246-room hotel with II residential units and several shops. The Grade I-listed club is being sold by its secretive Kuwaiti owners, who are asking £50 million, while the Green Park Hotel is up for grabs at about £35 million.

Mr Lukas, whose previous hotel developments include the former Pearl Assurance building in High Holborn, said he was confident of secur-

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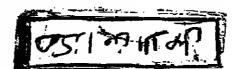
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Strike fears hit RJB

Shares of the coal producer RJB Mining tumbled 15 per cent vesterday ahead of the expected vote for strike action by the National Un-ion of Mineworkers (NUM). The more moderate Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) has already voted in favour of strike action at RJB pits. The NUM, which represents 2,500 miners, started voong on whether to strike over pay. It would be the first coalminers' strike in Britain in 15 years. RJB shares closed off 9p at 65':p, down from a high of 590p in 1996.

Select expands

Select, the recruitment company, yesterday announced acquisitions in the UK and Finland together worth £5 21 million. In the UK. Select has acquired an 85 per cent interest in Beresford Blake Thomas, a specialist provider of engineering. medical and social services staff for £4.51 million. In Finland, Select has taken a 70 per cent stake in Office Help, a supplier of temporary accounting and clerical personnel, for £700,000.

Atlantic deal

Atlanuc Telecom, the Scotush wireless telephone company, has signed a deal with RDC of Israel to test wireless high-speed data services from July 1999. The technology is said to offer data transmission at more than 25 times the speed of ISDN telephone lines, allowing fast Internet access. If the trials are successful, Atlantic hopes to launch the services before the end of the year.

Bristow quits

David Bristow has resigned from the board of Christian Salvesen, the logisries group. Mr Bristow. 48. is leaving immediately but the company would not say whether he will receive compensation. Last year he was paid El21,000 and had a two-year service contract. Mr Bristow, who the company said was leaving for personal reasons", ran the food and consumer logistics division. He is replaced by Colin Miles.

Royal Ordnance workers face 5% earnings cut, says union

By ADAM JONES

WORKERS at Royal Ordnance, the loss-making guns and ammunition arm of British Acrospace, face a cut in earnings of at least 5 per cent this year, a union leader claimed after talks with management vesterday.

Jack Dromey, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, claimed that the 4.400-strong Royal Ordnance worklorce face a salary freeze because there is a substanoul profit-related pay element to their wages. Mr Dromey said workers

Royalblue

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By CHRIS AYRES

lion to £4.5 million.

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will continue to develop.

Shares in Royalblue yester-

are also likely to have to make companies for ammunition. payments towards their pensions once again because of the company's troubles. They had previously enjoyed a contributions holiday. The net effect would leave their 1999 earnings substannally below last year.

Mr Dromey called on the Government, as the biggest Royal Ordnance customer, to come up with a more supportive partnership arrangement that would guarantee its longterm future - and ensure that the UK armed forces would not be forced into the insecure position of relying on foreign He said: "British Aerospace has an obligation to Royal Ordnance, whose profits in the 1980s saved BAe from collapse. But the main responsibility must tall on defence ministers."

Royal Ordnance currently has 12 plants. However, two of these are oue to close and more are thought to be under threat. The medium calibre ammunitions plant in Faldingworth, Lincolnshire, will close this year, with the work being transferred to South Wales. Workers rejected an offer to move to the Welsh plant, a Royal Ordnance spokesman said.

The fate of the Bishopton plant near Glasgow was sealed when Royal Ordnance lost a vital propellant contract to Denel, the South African state firm. It is due to close by the end of 2000. The Parliamentary defence committee will discuss the Bishopton clo-

sure this month. Mr Dromey said: 'The Ministry of Defence should reconsider the closure of strategic capacity like Bishopton and enter into a sensible. long-term. 'best supplier' relationship with Royal Ordnance.

"All we ask is for our Government to give our ordnance factories the same support as found throughout continental Europe."

Rheinmetall of Germany wants to buy Royal Ordnance but British Aerospace is still trying to negotiate a joint venture instead

The Royal Ordnance spokesman yesierday tried to dismiss a report in a Chilean newspaper that suggested a joint ven-ture to develop a rocket launch-er with the Chilean Government is a sales flop.

The collaboration, which directly involved General Pinochet, is still only in the development phase, he said.

Prebon to take over Marshalls for £30m

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

ey broker, is to take over City rival Marshalls Finance in

Job cuis are inevitable un-

The deal had been scheduled to be finalised at the beginning of the month, but discussions broke down because of a 30 per cent equity stake in Marshalls held by British Tele-com. BT had wanted to maintain an equity stake in the merged company. Under the new deal, BT's equity stake will be converted to loan notes. Trevor Harrison, a director

of Marshalls, said: "We are all very pleased that the long-term future of Marshalls has been secured."

Last year, the money brok-

PREBON YAMANE, the mondeal worth £30 million.

der the terms of the merger, which will bring together 500 staff at Prebon's office in Bishopsgate, and 360 Marshalls staff. Patrick Keenan, director of Prebon Yamane, said: There are almost certain to be job losses, although nothing has been finalised."

Mr Keenan said: "We have been is discussions for around two years. Marshalls repre-

sents a very good fit." Marshalls Finance will change its name to Prebon Group after the merger. It will have more than 1.500 brokers and 500 information technology and other support staff generating annual revenues of about £320 million.

Mr Keenan said he believed that there was sure to be further rationalisation among money brokers, in line with the recent spate of banking mergers. The deal is expected to be completed by the middle of April.

ing arm of Intercapital merged with Exco in a £90 mil-

Treasury to publish official data review

THE TREASURY is today expected to publish a review of the government statistical service by KPMG, the accountants, but the City will have to wail for up to another month for results of the City will have to wall for up to another habital for results of an inquiry into earnings data, suspended late last year. Indications yesterday were that the KPAGG review, commissioned by the Treasury in July, will be unveiled in Parliament today and that it will propose that some of the collection of statistics should be contracted out to help to find efficiencies and savings.

The review of earnings data is expected to be completed by the end of this month or very early in March. Martin Weale, Director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, who is in charge of it, said: We have always been determined to get the results right rather than be rushed by any particular deadline." The Office for National Statistics has confirmed that the Property of the Pr firmed that no earnings figures will be released with lomor-row's January labour market data. Commentary, page 27

Merger faces US hurdle

ZENECA, the pharmaceuticals group, will have to provide further information to the US Federal Trade Commission before it can complete its £48 billion merger with Astra of Sweden. It is believed competition regulators on both sides of the Atlantic are concerned about the dominant position AstraZeneca would have in the anaesthetic market — an issue that threatens Zene-ca's deal to market Chirocaine on behalf of Chiroscience. Zeneca still hopes to complete its merger in the second quarter.

Full listing for Text 100

TEXT 100 Group, the Ofex-quoted PR consultant to the IT sector, yesterday announced plans to graduate to Londoo's main maryesterday announced plans to graduate to Londoo's main mar-ket. The company said it hopes that this will enable it to raise funds to finance organic growth as well as allowing overseas in-vestors access to the stock. Text 100 also reported that in the year to July 31, pre-tax profit was up 9 per cent to £1.35 million on turnover up 46 per cent to £16.1 million. Earnings per share remained broadly static, while the dividend rose 20 per cent to 1.4p.

Ultra's £33m orders

ULTRA ELECTRONICS yesterday said it has won contracts worth £33 million. Its North American Sonobuoy operations have a £22 million order from the US Navy for its submarinedetecting devices. Its Weapon Systems Division has won orders worth £5.5 million from Flight Refuelling (Military Systems Division) in the UK and the US Navy for HiPPAG 320 on-board compressors. Britisb Aerospace Defence Systems has placed a £6 million order for command-and-control systems equipment.

GCS returns to market

GRANADA Computer Services, the TT arm of the leisure and media group sold 17 months ago for £89 million, is returning to the market in a share placing to raise up to £160 million. The flotation of the company, known as Synstar, will make a multimillionaire of its managing director, Richard Ferré, and see massive profits for CVC, the venture capitalist that backed the management buyout. Synstar is placing 87 million shares at between 155p and 185p. Un-conditional dealings are due to start on March 5.

Babcock success

BABCOCK International Group, the engineering company. yesterday announced that its materials handling division (BMH) had won contracts worth more than \$100 million (£62 million) in North America and Brazil. The contracts are a pipeline engineering project for Teppco of Texas and two pulverised coal injection installations at Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore in the US and the Acominas steel mill in Ouro Branco, Brazil. Babcock's shares were up 31/2p yesterday to 78p.

ABP announces chief

ASSOCIATED British Ports Holdings, yesterday announced the appointment of Bo Lerenius to the new role of group chief executive, from the spring. He will absorb much of the remit of Andrew Smith, managing director of ABP's port operations, who will consequently leave the company. Mr Lerenius, 52, is vice-chairman of Stena Line, the Swedish shipping group. The company said that its preliminary results, out next week, would be in line with expectations.

ROYALBLUE, the company that produces software for call centres and electronic trading systems, yesterday reported a 50 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £3 mil-Sales rose 43 per cent from E20.6 million to E29.5 million. and earnings per share rose 43 per cent from 6.5p to 9.3p. The company yesterday said it aimed to increase its overseas activities over the next 12 months. It said it would "investigate" setting up a permanent presence in at least one Asian financial cen-John Hamer, chief executive, said: "Our aims for 1999 are to further expand our UK business, and build on the initial successes we have achieved in 1998 in continental Europe and the US. We have an excellent product set. royal**blue** which is the foundation of all our activities, and which we "The markets in which we operate are extremely fast moving and competitive. but with these resources and a good order book, the prospects for further growth are day rose 24p to 450p. A total dividend of 3p. up from 2.25p

John Hamer, left, with Andy Melpass, finance director, who saw Royalblue sales up 43 per cent

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SUBSECTIONS 8(5) AND 10(6) OF THE **TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984**

1. He proposes to grant licences under the Telecommunications Act 1984 ("the Act") to Farland Services UK Limited, MTU Inform Europe Limited, GC Pan European Crossing UK Limited and ICO Services Limited ("the Licensees") to run telecommunication systems in the United Kingdom. The licences will be for a period of 6 months, thereafter being subject to revocation on one month's notice.

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8. Representations or objections may be made in respect of the proposed ficences, the application of the Code to Farland Services UK Limited, MTU Inform Europe Limited and GC Pan European Crossing UK Limited and the proposed exceptions and conditions referred to above. They should be made in writing by 16 March 1999 and addressed to the

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He proposes to apply the telecommunications code ("the Code") to Farland Services.

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Flextech has no fears for **BBC** deal

By CHRIS AYRES

FLEXTECH, the operator of pay-television channels, yesterday shrugged off reports that the European Commission is

most completely eclipsed Flextech's announcement that it would participate in Microsoft's interactive television trials for six months. Flextech shares fell 26.5p to 700.5p.

As part of Flextech's deal with the BBC, agreed in 1997.

eight pay-television channels and gained exclusive rights to BBC archive material. However, il emerged yesterday that the EC is still carrying out a routine investigation in the deal to see if it falls foul

the company has developed

of competition rules. Adam Singer. Flextech's chairman and chief executive, vesterday insisted that the EC had no power to stop the deal. He added, however, that it could have the power to change Flextech's access condi-

nons to the BBC's archives.
"When we did the deal with the BBC we made it clear that it would have to be referred to Brussels. Nothing has changed, and as far as we know there are no problems." he said.

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ondon's position to be the financial centre of Europe is under threat. This is not because Britain is outside euroland but because other European cities would like to assume the man-tle. Frankfurt, having won the right to play host to the European Central Bank, is keen to welcome other hanks. Anyone who be-lieues that Britain's early entry

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other banks. Anyone who believes that Britain's early entry
into the single currency would deter the burghers of the city from
their concerted effort to supercede London has a mistaken view
of life in the European Union.
Within the single market and
even within the single currency
zone, it is each for himself as
countries fight for investment.
One glance at the plans for
Frankfurt 2000 will reveal how
serious the city is in its efforts to serious the city is in its efforts to woo the international banks. The planners have redrawn the city map to accommodate futuristic new skyscrapers with the vast trading floors that modern banks roust have.

The idea, however, is not new: Paul Reichmann got there first. Canary Wharf was ahead of its time when, in 1988, the Canadian developer first started transforming the depressing docklands site into a spectacular adjunct to the City. By the time the company collapsed in 1992, £5 billion had been poured into creating some of the best office space in London and providing the start of the infrastructure to make it workable. The bankers did not share Mr Re-

Frankfurters on a roll ichmann's faith in the project, hence they were prepared to sell it back to him for a mere £800 million in 1995. But the demand for the type of floorspace which the Wharf can provide has more

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than caught up with the develop-er's expectations. Plans are now head towards a spring flotation. Mr Reichmann may have got his sums wrong first time round ready for the company to begin developing on the remaining two-thirds of the site. Architects have already been but his repurchase will prove to have been a bargain. Frankfurt is serious in its challenge but it is commissioned to produce the depitted against the professionals at Canary Wharf. London will have the properties and the peosigns for completing the development. Even the trees to land-scape the extending site have been sourced. In Frankfurt, there ple: that should be enough to may be some comfort in knowing that Britain was unable to keep the Frankfurt challenge at hay. Joining the single currency would not. provide sufficient numbers of trees of equal size and quality to

FSA blunders into trust charging

simplistic analysis is always liable to cooclude that investment roanagement is a waste of money. Average performance tends to be average, so fees charged by fund managers to pick winners achieve nothing in aggregate. Even the Office of Fair Trading fell into this trap.

The average racehorse may always finish second in a three

horse race. That does not stop trainers and jockeys trying to cre-ate winners or punters spending time and money to pick them.

A critical study of UK unit trusts by Kevin James, formerly of the US Securioes and Exchange Commission, goes well beyond this. It is causing embarrassment mainly because it ema-nates from the Financial Services

Authority, our clone of the SEC.

Most UK unit trusts simply charge more than the equivalent American mutual funds. Deregulation of charges appears to have made things worse, only partly because of the extra admin cost of selling them as Peps. UK transaction costs are high-

er. The industry is about to test its own Internet-based electronic trading and settlement system, which should help to shrink the cost gap. Surprisingly, the UK unit trust industry is also more fragmented, lacking any of the economies of scale of America's huge Fidelity (share picking) and (index-tracking)

groups.

This size gap may help to explain the relatively high up-front charges often levied in the UK. A 5 per cent slice taken off your money before it is invested can play havoc with average returns. especially in the early years. Are 3 per cent selling commissions legrimate any more? At worst, as Mr James highlights, it could take £1.55 to earn the average cost-free returns obtainable from £1. But that begs the question, because there are no cost-free stock market investments, as any private investor can testify.

Fund rules and consumer choice are therefore about balancing cost against any realistic hope of outperformance, either by picking the best-value shares or, more realistically, by the superior strategy of being in the right markets at the right time.

Consumer choice should cover anything from a simple index-tracker to a costly, actively managed emerging market fund. These could be split into prod-ucts with different charging rules. Better perhaps to insist on a more transparent regime for re-vealing charges, rather than the present opaque rules, which are geared to complex products such as pensions and life assurance.

Bring the Millar's tale to an end

British Biotech is turning into a slow-motion tragedy. In marimastat, it has a ground-breaking cancer drug that could have been a commercial suc-cess — though never on the scale once envisaged. But hubris allowed the previous management
— and most of the current non-executive directors — to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

Details froro a pancreatic cancer trial suggest yesterday's failure will be the first of many. Mar-iroastat showed some encouraging signs of efficacy, though not enough, and only at a high dose. This implies most of the remaining nine trials will not produce the demanding results sought. This, broadly, is what Andrew Millar was telling his colleagues

18 months, even two years ago. If British Biotech's directors had listened to their director of clinical trials, they could have expanded or amended some studies, making success more likely. This is exactly what Elliot Goldstein has done since taking over as chief ex-ecutive — though by then it was too late for most of the trials. Instead of listening, British Bio-

tech ignored, sacked and then sued Dr Millar for disclosing information. Yet so far, his judgments about the trials and the company's previously ludicrous strategy have all been proved right, and the directors wrong. So why is Biotech still fighting Dr Millar, and now the Briosh Medical Association, in court over compensation? Dr Gold-stein says he wants to settle, so settle he should.

It figures

THE Office for National Statistics has been in disgrace since its blunder over earnings figures saddled the country with unnec-essarily high interest rates. Punishment now looms. The Government asked the chaps at KPMG to take a look at how the workings of the ONS could be improved. The answer was claringobvious to them: contract out the work. Statistics show this is often the advice given by major firms of consultants, who then go on to volunteer themselves to do

Mersey Docks lifts its profit to record £47m

satisfy Canary Wharf's exacting

standards. As happened with the landscaping of the first phase, the trees are being shipped in

from Germany.

The tenants will come from Europe and the United States but come they most certainly will.

For Canary Wharf has now proved itself and as it expands,

with more retailing and leisure accommodation, it will grow in its attractions to tenants. Confi-

dence that that will be the case

has encouraged the company to

By Paul Armstrong

IMPROVED profit margins led Mersey Docks and Harbour Company to a record pre-tax profit of £47.56 million last year.

The result was up from £34.58 million the previous year, though this included a £10 million exceptional loss stemming from the settlement of its long industrial dispute with sacked dockers. Mersey's earnings were

damaged by the BSE impact on animal feed volumes and the loss of oil shipments while Shell's river terminal was being refurbished.

However, these factors were offset by an Increase in tornages of other types of grain and of containers and roll-on, roll-off

Trevor Furlong, the chief ex-ecutive, said that the net impact on tonnages was neglible. but that those products that recorded volume growth also car-ried significantly higher profit

The result was at the top end of analysts' expectations. The shares closed steady at 5110. An Ilp final dividend, up from 10p for the same period in 1997, is due on April 29 and makes a total of lop, up from

Mersey continued to enjoy rapid growth in passenger numbers, with a 54.5 per cent rise, to 581,000, for the year. SuperSeaCat service to Dub-



Gordon Waddell, left, chairman, and Trevor Furlong saw Mersey Docks improve its margins

also expecting

lin, though margins on this

business are slim. Mr Furlong said that earnings growth this year would tiow partly from the operation of two extra high-speed freight and passenger vessels from its facilities and a new £35 million fruit coolroom, which starts operating later this month.

He said that Mersey's gearing ratio stood at a comfortable 38 per cent and that the company would fund this year's £40 This was mainly because of the million capital expenditure

Analysts said Mersey stood lost some trade, but it is in lowto benefit handsomely from in- yielding products."

He said that the market was vestment programmes planalso pleased to see cash being ned by customers. They were enerated by Mersey's Princes Dock joint venture in Liverearnings from fresb products because of coolroom space, pool, which consists of a fully occupied office building and a which Mersey has leased out under a 20-year contract. four-star hotel.

John Lawson, an analyst Mersey's proposed terminal with Charterhouse Tilney Secudevelopment at Trafalgar rides, has forecast that 1999 Dock in Liverpool was postpre-tax earnings will reach £52 poned while an alternative site at Langton Dock was assessed. million. The core operating business is doing rather well," Mr Lawson said. "They have

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CCF rises on talk of ING deal

SHARES in CCF, the French bank, vesterday rose by 2 per cent amid speculation that it was close to agreeing a merger with ING, the Dutch bank (Caroline Mer-

rell writes). According to analysts. CCF, which owns Charterhouse in the UK, has come under increasing pressure to do a deal after the announce-ment that Paribas and Soci-

the deal would put a price tag of about £6 billion on CCF. ING, which owns Barings, already holds a 5 per cent stake in CCF.

The share prices of Societé Générale and Paribas also rose slightly amid speculatioo that a consortium of AXA and GE Capital might make a bid for Paribas.

CCF would not comment on the speculatioo. It reports its 1998 results on Thursday.

Second warning knocks Haden MacLellan price

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

SHARES in Haden Mac-Lellan fell more than 25 per cent yesterday after the troubled engineering group gave warning that second-half prof-its would be significantly below market expectations be-

cause of cost over-runs. The company said that exceptional costs incurred in paint finishing contracts discovered during a recent internal review would lead to a "near breakeven" result for the six months to December 31, 1998.

The announcement follows November's warning that a marked slowdown in the automotive industry had led to a delay in contracts for Haden MacLellan's process engineering division. It also had an adverse impact on the group's fastener and industrial services business in the UK.

Before yesterday's warning, consensus forecasts for the second half had been at about the £12.2 million mark. For the six months to June 30, 1998, Haden posted pre-tax profits of £200,000 on turnover of £245.8 million. Full-year results are due in April

The group said that Jeremy Beeton, the director responsible for the paints division, has left the group, and responsibilities temporarily handed to Richard Taylor, the chief executive. Mr Taylor said that internal

control procedures had been improved and subsidiaries made subject to closer scrutiny. Personnel changes are also to be made, Shares in the company

which reached a high of 160p

last May, closed down 13p to

Sherwood buyout called off

A PLANNED management buyout of Sherwood Group, the textiles company, has been called off because of problems raising finance (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The company said that the managers — led by David Parker, chairman and founder, and Jim Telfer, roanaging director — had found financial institutions and venture capitalists unwilling to provide backing because of continuing uncertainty in consurner spending in the UK

and the rest of the world. The executive managers of the company, which makes lace, underwear and swimwear, began their buyout attempt last a otumn, indicating an offer of 48p a share, valuing the compa-ny at £53 million. Yesterday the shares dived 8p to 3lp.

Michael to lobby Ford in US



Michael: no new incentives

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ALUN MICHAEL, the Welsh make the engine for the new Secretary, is to lobby Ford at its headquarters next month to try to help to safeguard the future of its engine fac-tory in Bridgend, South Wales. Mr Michael will try 10 per-

suade Ford that Bridgend should be chosen for more investment above plants in Cologne, Germany, and Valen-

Bridgend's main product is the Zetec engine, which is used in several Ford models. It employs about 1.500. Fears for the plant were heightened last autumn, after uncontradicted reports that Ford had chosen to

ON OUR LEGEND

By ADAM JONES

mini Jaguar in the US, at its factory in Cleveland, Ohio. However, a forthcoming decision on where to build the successor to the Zetec is seen as being more important to the

future of the Bridgend facility. The replacements are unlikely to be built before 2004, union sources have said. There are fears that a recent flood of Ford money into the

Cologne plant means that it will be better placed to be chosen for the vital tranche of future work. Mr Michael will not be offering Ford any financial incen-

tives to build the new engines in Wales but will emphasise the quality of the workforce and the region's record of attracting investment from the likes of Sony, Panasonic and

Toyota. One union source estimated that a further 500 people depend indirectly on the Bridgend plant for their jobs.

Doug Collins, of the Amalgamated Engineering and Elec-trical Union, said: "Bridgend needs a new engine to underwrite its long-term future. Alun Michael's involvement hopefully, boost the

Bid hopes boost Greenalls shares

SHARES of Greenalis. the pub and hotel operator, gained 3614p to 37614p yesterday on hopes of a bid from its bigger rival, Whitbread. Reports suggest that Whit-bread is poised to offer 400p a

share, valuing it at El.19 bil-lion. Neither side would comment, although sources close to Greenalls said the group had received no approach. Some observers dismissed the report as little more than a

reheating of old rumours. But Nigel Popham, of Teather & Greenwood, said: "Strategically, it makes sound sense for Whitbread. It would be strongly earnings enhancing at 450p or more a share." Whitbread shares rose 32p to 88514p.

 Mr Popham pointed out that the Greenalis De Vere Hotels chain would fit well with Whitbread's Marriott chain. while its Village Leisure business would boost Whitbread's David Lloyd Leisure arm. Hopes of a move on Green

alls or Vaux have been fuelled by whispers that Whitbread has and restaurant business.

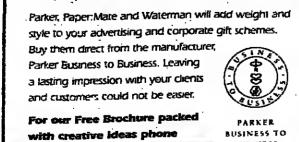
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By DOMINIC WALSH

called a temporary halt to our mal acquisition activity. Analysts believe it may revisit the idea of selling its brewing inter-ests. On Friday Greenalls' latest boardroom recruit, Mark McQuater, will use the annual meeting to outline his plans to shake up the lacklustre pub



FRASER NELSON

Havelock joins wonder stocks with 72% surge

came the latest in the new breed of London wonder stocks yesterday as its shares surged 72 per cent for appar-

Puzzled City dealers were left talking about "private client madness" as the small Scorosh shopfiner became the best performer in London.

Its rise was traced back to the directors' share purchases two weeks ago, which were flagged by this Sunday's press. This, dealers said, seemed to trigger a wave of heavy buying by private inves-- hungry for another small company to perform a rally such as that staged by On-Line, up 1,400 per cent in the past five weeks.

One dealer said: "Weekend ops always move stocks on a Monday, but never by 70 per cent. Normally, we'd hear some takeover rumour but there's been nothing. Private clients have been on the phone all day buying the shares; it's just madness." The shares rose 29p to

Hew Balfour, chief executive, said: "Eighty per cent of nothing is not a huge sum. I can think of no other reason than the reaction to the weekend press reports. I think it's

truly astonishing." Conspiracy theorists point to Hermes, the powerful fund manager that now has a 7.3 per cent stake in Havelock.

Although Hermes owns shares in London's 900 largest companies (Havelock ranks 1.574th), it chooses to have discloseable stakes in only 72 - and dealers often see these unfortunate few as takeover targets.

In the absence of Wall Street, which was closed for Presidents Day, there was not much to direct London shares yesterday with few companies reporting. The FTSE 100 managed a cautious 72.5-point rise. closing back over the 6,000 mark at 6023.2.

The tobacco sector was cheered by government assurance that the NHS is legally forbidden from suing cigarette makers. This helped BAT, up 18%p to 596p, and Gallaber. 8½p ahead at 423p.

Colt Telecom was 57p high er at £11.29, rebounding on its losses of last week. Boots was the sharpest blue-chip faller, 33p cheaper at 894p amid bro-



Hew Balfour, chief executive of Havelock Europa, could offer little explanation for the heavy buying of the shares

vhere Havelock's rise was followed by 22 other companies whose shares closed more

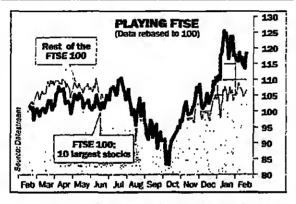
than IO per cent up.

Austin Reed rose 14/2p to 1131:p amid rumours of takeover bids - from everyone from its management to Arcadia and Shami Ahmed.

Talk in some dealing rooms is that a venture capitalist is willing and will offer 150p a share in cash if a bid emerges below this level.

Mr Ahmed, the retail entrepreneur behind Joe Bloggs, is now wheeled out as the likely bidder for any troubled retail company - most recently House of Fraser, 145p better at 8845p.

He is now being touted as an-other potential bidder for Laura Ashley, up 2p to 20p amid hopes that Hobbs, the private



THE FISE 100 has long been used as a beliwether for London shares, but does it give an accurate picture of the market?

Over the past few years. mega-mergers have created huge companies such as BP Amoco, Lloyds TSB and Smithkline Beecham. As the FTSE 100 is a weighted index, the ten largest stocks dictate 38 per cent of its movement. So when the FTSE is at record highs, is this the hard work of the top few covering up for lag-

dex? The graph shows the ten largest stocks outper-forming the rest of the FTSE 100 by 13 per cent. But they only became the top ten by dint of their good

performance. Investors confining themselves to last February's top ten would have missed out on the 108 per cent rise in Vodafone and an 82 per cent rise in British Telecom. Still, the big guns have been top of fund managers

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ours and take it private.

Tie Rack enjoyed another excellent day, up 8p to 36p, amid talk that Sock Shop has renewed is interest in the niche retailer.

Dealers have been stocking up on shares of Ferguson International, the paper and packaging company attempting to split itself up. Word is that, when the company is finished, it will pay out a gener-ous special dividend that makes the shares worth 80p each. They jumped 5p better to

49p yesterday. British Biotech got off relatively lightly after saying its main cancer drug hope had failed important tests.

The shares lost 17 per cent to 214p. Dealers who remember it sliding up to the FTSE 100 three years ago are reluctant to believe there is nothing left in the company. Some bear raiders, however, are taking a different view and one is said to have taken a position at 17p a share.

On-Line, the computer games company that has become the most volatile stock in London, was up another 23 per cent at 191p as Clement Chambers, its marketing director, said he is putting £865,000 of the proceeds of his recent share disposals into new shares.

If directors' dealings now command such attention in the market, then expect a sharp drop in shares of Mine Group. It has had a fantastic post-October recovery, the shares adding 80 per cent. David Telling, chairman, thinks this is a good time to take profits and has sold £326,000 of shares at 163p apiece. The shares firmed 3½p to 167½p.

Malcolm Jessop, a non-exec-utive director of JWE Tele-com, splashed out £11,000 on shares of the company at 158p apiece. They added 5p to 154p yesterday.

Rage Software agreed its long-awaited deal with Microsoft, on terms far less dramatic than some of its fans had hoped for. Its shares were %p better at ISMp. as 13.7 million changed hands.

□GILT-EDGED: Gilts closed down slightly after Friday's US treasury losses, but were supported by hopes of low UK inflation and gove

THANKS Future still bright

GERMANY'S third-largest mobile phone op-erator, E-Plus, is looking vulnerable with the "for sale" sign over 40 per cent of its shares. Orange is in pole position to pounce.

The firms enjoy similar histories, but very different fortunes. Both companies launched in spring 1994, and both were late entrants to their respective markets. However, where Orange has sparkled. E-Plus has disappointed. and the German company has only just started to turn itself around.

Orange may not be able to buy control.

Otelo — a joint venture between two German utilities, Veba and RWE - owns 60 per cent. But Otelo should welcome the arrival of a successful operating partner. It would be better if Orange could get control of the company's brand, management, and its two million or so customers. But even as a minority it could set

up a "virtual network" in Germany by bulkbuying air-time from E-Plus, and re-selling it under its own brand. A similar deal is likely to happen in France, where Orange works close-

ly with Bouygues. Whichever, the penetration of the mobile phone in Germany is relatively low, giving attractive long-term growth prospects. E-Plus also presents Orange with an entree into the truly global league.

It will cost Orange a lot of money. A 51 per cent stake in E-Plus could cost up to E7.5 billionand the company also needs to find finance for the next generation of mobile-phone licences in this country.

The numbers start to look frightening. But after some retrenchment since last summer Orange shares are looking attractive again at 845p. Buy.

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IT IS hard to see what will pot the fire back into the Gree-nalls share price if it is not bid for. The shares have underperformed appallingly for most of the past five years and Friday's annual meeting statement seems unlikely to give much cheer on the trading front. Long gone are the days when Greenalls, as the first major to exit brewing and concentrate solely on pub retailing, was considered to be in the vanguard

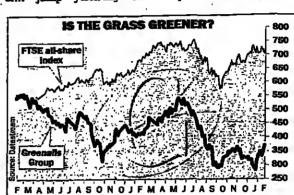
The aura around Greenails may be a lot worse than is merited, however. Its managed pub concepts lack appeal and the company has been far too lackadaisical in developing the business. But De Vere Hotels — a chain which includes The Belfry, famous for its golf — is envied. The health club hotels side.

Village Leisure, is admired

and the roadside accommodation lodges are decent enough, too. In addition, the sale of tenanted pubs to Nomura for £370 million last November was well-received.

Best of all, Greenalls is cheap. Prior to the current bid talk, the shares languished at eight times estimated 1998 earnings. Even with the II per cent jump yesterday the cent jump yesterday

shares trade at a 50 per cent discount to peers. Whitbread is keeping mum, but it is easy to imagine executive salivation at the prospect of being able to tie up a deal like this. The operations fit well and at £1.2 billion it would be enough to satisfy Whitbread shareholders that it is achieving. Buy Greenalls for the bid. Keep Whitbread as a hold.



Mersey Docks

THERE IS something undeniably 1970s about the Mersey Docks & Harbour Company. The very name reeks of beer and sandwiches and the long-running labour dispute, now settled, only reinforces the prejudices. Yesterday's annual results

from Mersey showed that while the heyday of Britain ruling the waves is past, and while working stevedores no longer dominate the skylines of the country's portside cit-les, there is still money to be made in shipping and operat-ing ports. Last year the company made operating profits of more than ESO million, and in a weakening economic environment that was a creditable II per cent ahead of the orevious period.

Mersey's shares, however, look rather moored at 51 ip. They were unchanged yesterup after settlement of the industrial action, have per-

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formed disappointingly for most of the past five years. Mersey is solid enough but investors seem to be less than convinced that there is exciting growth in the business. There are too many potentially troubling liabilities in branch activities, too.

Mersey shares trade on a prospective ple of 12. This looks mean given the strength of earnings and the cash-generating abilities but the company will have to be more persuasive about growth if the shares are to perform. They rate an unenthusiastic hold.

Booker

THE enormity of the task facing Stuart Rose, the newish chief executive of Booker, is and depressing.

The sale he agreed yester-day was relatively small beer. Considering Booker Wholesale Foods made a loss of £L1 million in the calendar year to

last December, some may think it an achivement that Booker managed to strike a cash positive deal. But BWF had sales of £244 million last year, meaning that the dispos-al price - ignoring the £35 million of asset write-offs - was less than 2 per cent of the segment's turnover. If the whole group was valued at 2 per cent sales Booker would be worth barely 40p a share, with-

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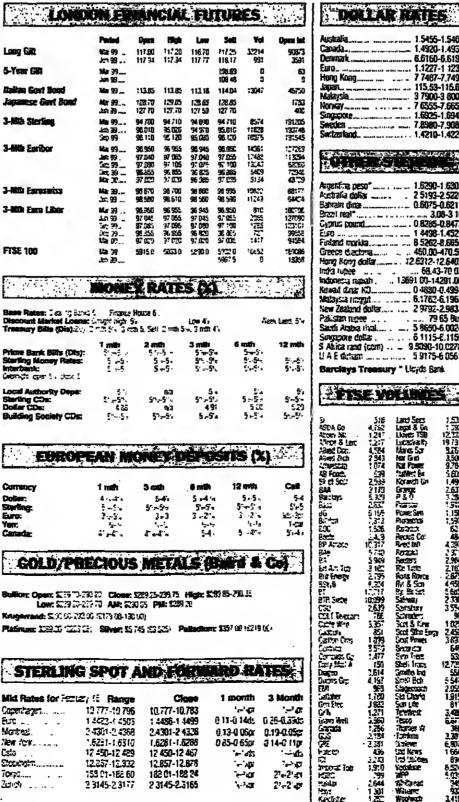
out even allowing for the com-pany's heavy debt position. Clearly the sale price of BWF cannot be taken as representative of the value of Booker's entirety. But it does underline that Booker's attempts to re-invent itself are proving to be every bit as diffithe market

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cult as the most cynical observers of this company's difficult recent history have imshares fell to 64%p, down from 72p yesterday.
If Booker survives it will find it hard to prosper. Sell.

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Confusion rising as nation shows its impatience with Schröder's

> squabbling Government

s every mother who watched her Plasticine knows, if you take lovely bright primary colours and squidge them up in a ball, the result is brownish sludge. And the most diarrhoeic hue of all is produced by combining the favourite infant colours, red

THE STREET OF THE PARTY.

After four months in office. this nursery metaphor seems to sum up Gerhard Schröder's fumbling red-green coalition. A blurry lump of policies that are neither carefully developed nor collectively backed was not what Germans expected when they voted for his "middle ground". And they certainly did not expect their new Chancellor to compound confusion by acting pig in the mid-dle, not nursery boss.

The voters of Hesse, who deserted the Greens in droves in state elections earlier this wonth, have already had including the had shough — particularly with the Greens. But for two reasons, the effect of that stinging electoral defeat could be even less coherence than before.

The first is that the children are openly squabbling. Jürgen Trittin, the Green Environment Minister, grumbles that when the Government's agreed policies "have a half-life of just a few hours", it is hard to govern successfully. Herr Schröder retorts that what the coalition needs is "less Trittin" - not surprisingly, as it was uproar over Herr Tritun's economically and environmentally dotty blueprint for scrapping nuclear power that forced Herr Schröder to execute his first U-turn, a clumsy and humiliatingly public manoeuvre. But he cannot so reasily slap down Oskar Lafonaine, Finance Minister, leader of the Social Democrats Schröder and — as the reward he exacted — boss of EU poli-cy. Red Oskar is letting it be known that he is tired of learn-ing his Chancellor's decisions from newspapers. The rivalry between these two is a canker

at the Government's heart. The second reason to think that confusion may deepen is that the loss of Hesse has deprived the Red-Greens of their majority in the Bundesrat, the upper house whose co-operation is needed for most of the reforms Germany needs to revitalise its economy - and indispensable to overhauling the

lax system. When the G7 hold their informal meeting in Bonn this weekend, therefore, it will be guesis of a Government mat has neither experience nor unity of purpose, nor any strategy likely to stop growth slumping to perhaps 1.3 per cent this year or unemploy-



Soft cop, hard cop: Dominique Strauss-Kahn, left, and Oskar Lafontaine often consult

ment rising 50,000 above the depression-level current rate of 10.8 per cent. What Bonn does have is unwelcome: plenty of ill-considered ideas, none of them with a ghost's chance of acceptance in Washington and New York, about how to put the world's leading currencies in a straitjacket.

Does this matter? On the face of it, yes, a lot; inchoate leadership of the European power must bode ill for sorting out the European Union's future finances and current ab-surdities (such as its agricultural policy); for hauling EU economies out of the doldrums; for insulating Central Europe from Russia's deepening crisis; and for avoiding damaging trade rows between the US and Europe and acrimonious transatlantic disputes about how best to navigate turbulent international fi-

nancial waters. It is the last two items on this list that the G7 will spend most time on. And both at Davos last month, and in subsequent articles penned by Herr Lafontaine and Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister whom he consults far more closely than he does Herr Schrö der, the lines of an unproduc-tive argument with Washing-The euro seems to have gone . last three months of 1998, to much of that money, the

to both men's heads. Not content with demanding EU-wide minimum taxes on savings and corporation taxes and an end to the national veto on economic and social policies, they would like to set rules for the euro-dollar exchange rate. They have also set out plans, in a recent joint article in Le Monde, for EU "exchange rate regimes with Asia, Latin America and Eastern and Central Europe". of the euro rule everywhere"

through policy co-ordination.

err · Lafontaine wants controls on short-term capital flows, and co-ordinated central bank interventions within agreed exchangerate target zones. M Strauss-Kahn, who plays the soft cop in this double act, says that, while target zones might take time to negotiate, now that Europe is a player on equal footing with the US, it is high time Washington paid proper atten-tion to Euro-II views on financial management. And one of these views is that the euro-zone will not tolerate "benign neglect" of the dollar, or of America's soaring trade and

current account deficits. Oh, really? Who are Germany and France, where growth collapsed to near zero in the give lectures on economic man-agement? The US created 2.9 million jobs last year, com-bined 3.9 per cent growth with

inflation of 1.6 per cent and, thanks in part to a tight labour market but also to successes in training workers on the bottom rung that Europeans could profitably learn from, is narrowing the wage gap be-tween unskilled and skilled workers. Why should the Fedthe eurozone, or manage the dollar in consensus with the high-cost, low-growth EU? Should the Euro-II not instead

be listening?
The point they most need to take on board was made by the President's Council of Economic Advisers last month: trade deficits are often associated with strong growth, and surpluses with recessions". In the US, the deficit is not just a function of sluggish European and Asian imports, nor even of Washington's willingness, for which the world should be thankful, to accept that the crisis in emerging markets "has heightened the need to embrace economic openness on a global scale". It is, the council says, "driven by an investment boom". Yes, France and Germany retort, but it has been paid for by foreigners; and

when the euro lures back

Such mercanolist smugness is misplaced. The US is not just a temporary piggybank for foreigners, their money has poured into acquisitions, mergers and manufacturing. attracted by the strengths of the real US economy, Growth there is still likely to be about 26 per cent this year, way ve the EU average.

sword of Damocles will fall.

If the US deficit continues its sharp rise, so will the risks of either a protectionist backlash, or a depreciation of the dollar against the euro steep enough to kill whatever shoets are poking out of euroland's perma-frost. But the best defence against that eventuality is to poost European demand. It is EU surpluses, not American deficits, that are bad for the world economy. But fiscal stimulus will not work miracles without adding tax, employment and deregulatory reforms, and a bonfire of investment-distorting subsidies.

his brings me to a second, more contentious answer to the question posed earlier: how much does Schröder's drifting matter? In terms of German growth, it depends which Germany you are looking at - the old Germany with its high wages, rigid employment laws and IG Metall; or the new Germany of deregulated telecommunications, the Neuer Markt exchange for small growth companies, a high-tech investment boom and aggressively restructuring market leaders such as Mannesmann, DaimlerChrysler or Bayer. With this new Germany,

Herr Lafontaine appears out of touch. He sees the 11,500 jobs shed by Deutsche Telecom, but not the 40,000 crealed last year in the same sector, now that competition is possible. And it is because Red Oskar will not part with his beloved "European social model" that he is pinning all blame for Germany's economic woes on the European Central Bank, the constraints of the Stability Pact and the "unfair" competition he seeks to curb by extending the EU's regulatory powers. His tirades against the ECB will hardly reassure Germans that they were right to abandon the mark for the tute for domestic reforms. Because the shackles that

bind Germany are homemade, the war that matters is between Germany's increas-ingly dynamic business culture and its heavily unionised laggards. At Davos, while the Bundesbank's Hans Tietmeyer droned on about political integration underpinned by a new EU "constitution", a bunch of young EU Turks is-sued a "Wake up, Europe" call. The EU, they said, had had 50 years of harmonisation; what it needed was free-

market growth. Herr Schröder shows few signs, so far, of becoming Germany's deregulatory angel. So it may be a blessing in dis-guise that his Government is weak. That way, there is just a chance that young Turks will yet scale Germany's socialist ramparts, armed with the example of American success.

Barclays's Teutonic eagle faces the threat of extinction

s Mike O'Neill settles into Barclays's splen-did head office on Lornbard Street, he will soon find himself having to make one of the most dramatic decisions in the history of the clearing bank — whether or not to kill the Barclays eagle. It might not be the most urgent issue coming up at today's results meeting, but it is something that will surface as Barclays tries to decide how best to attack the retail and corporate markets in a rapidly shifting banking environment.

The issue of the eagle has been swooping around the hank for more than six months. At the heart of the problem is whether or not Bardays wants an integrated brand strategy, and if it does, what should it be. It was an issue to which Martin Taylor, Mr O'Neill's predecessor, devoted a large section of his helicopter brain. And though he had not come to a definitive conclusion before he flew out of the bank, insiders suggest he was in favour of shooting the eagle down in flames.

Such a move would have caused an uproar within the more traditional areas of the bank, who see the Barclays eagle as a link with the bank's great history, stretching back to the founding Quaker families in East Anglia. However, David Stuart, creative director of The Partners, the design agency behind Barclays's b2 brand, argues that it is too Teutonic and institutional, and might put off potential customers who want a more caring sort of brand, "Banks used to try to make themselves look like universities, with imposing buildings and coats of arms," says Mr Stuart. "But now they are trying to present a more personal, quick-thinking image, which says to the customer that they can trust

their own instincts," The threat to the eagle originated at the offices of J Walter Thompson, the advertising agency that handles a large slug of Barclays's retail and corporate work. JWT decided a few months ago to pursue the rather high-risk strategy of trying to persuade Barclays that it needed to integrate and centralise its external marketing work.

Its template was the deal struck by NatWest with GGT - the ad agency that has since become part of the TWBA network. This centralised all Nat-West's advertising and direct agency. This apparently means that all of NatWest's external communications with the exception of public relations and some sponsorship work - will be integrated so. ideally, every piece of the jig-saw should fit together.

The strategy of total integration is popular among financial services companies, but is is not always the best way to go. The integration route is being pursued by HSBC Holdings, which has decided to get rid of all its individual brand names — including such stalwarts of the marketplace as Midland in the UK. Marine Midland in the US and British Bank of the Middle East and brand everything HSBC. This can cause problems, especially when you kill off wellknown names such as Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, which now labours under the title, ABN Amro Securioes.



Most financial services aspire to this global branding. but egos get in the way, and you end up with a halfway house — such as BancBoston Robertson Stephens, the un-comfortably named specialist broker. Also, most large organ-isations are unwilling to trust their entire marketing to an external company, so you often have the in-house marketing people trying to juggle five or

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six different campaigns in the marketplace,

The other option is to seg-ment the market, and attack it with different brands. Lloyds TSB is an exponent of this. having retained the Cheltenham & Gloucester name for all its morigage work. It also toyed with the idea of keeping Lloyds and TSB as separate retail banking brands, operat-ing in different segments, but decided this might cause confusion. So it is going for the single brand. Prudential is trying

this segmented route, brand-ing its banking business Egg. to differentiate it from the

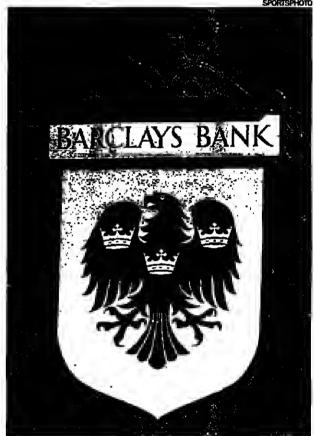
Pru's main offering. Barclays has been caught beeen two stools. It launched b2, its savings and investment brand, last year to some cyni-cism. It has also spent many millions on its Barclays Capi-tal brand, which looks quite different from its old BZW brand. Neither b2 nor Barclays Capital sport an eagle in their logos.

JWT has suggested to Bar-clays that it needs a bright new image across the group. But should that image have an eagle? JWT is sitting on the fence — after all, if the eagle stays, it could be JWT that

Mr O'Neill is unlikely to have an emodonal attachment to the eagle. He has lived through a series of bank mergers in the US, where financial services brands seem to have a life expectancy shorter than a goldfish. However, as Brad-ford & Bingley found when it thought of getting rid of the bowler hats from its logo, it often pays not to be too radical.

David Stuart predicts Barclays might follow the lead of the German Government, which has asked Sir Norman Foster to redesign its eagle, though the Germans are concerned that the result is a little too fat to fly. Expect a less Prussian, more American eagle to emerge from Lombard Street

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Wings clipped: Barclays's symbol is seen as too institutional

The cable guy

THERE are signs that one of the empty seats at the top of some of our biggest companies may be about to be filled. Shares in Cable & Wireless fell off a cliff in December when Dick Brown quit without warning to run EDS, the huge US computer concern

founded by Ross Perot. Brown, himself an American, resurfaced last week with a \$17 billion deal. Now I am told on good authorithat the powers that he at C&W have decided to minimise disruption by making it an internal appoint-



Brown: quit without warning

ment rather than bringing in an outsider to turn everything on its head again. (And then, perhaps, be lured away by mega-bucks elsewhere. Brown's departure has left some people rather bitter, I gather.)

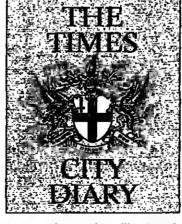
So the race is on between Graham Wallace, who runs CWC, the smaller cable company spun off from C&W, and Robert Lerwill, C&W's finance director. If, as I expect, the job goes internally, Wallace would be the obvious favourite, having experience in running the company. But I would not write off Lerwill yet.

I SEE from the Reuters weekly diary that the Turkey European Roadshow reached London yesterday. There was a presentation at noon — and where else but at Butcher's Hall?

Dirty laundry

IF YOU have a large sum of illicit cash in need of laundering, try building a dam or a road somewhere in the developing world. I have been taking advice on the subject from one of our best authorities on the subject.

Nigel Morris-Cotterill, an occasional visitor to this column, says the easiest way to launder cash today is through an international private fi-nance project. "A lot of the money



that goes into projects like these is syndicated, often through banks from the Indian sub-continent or the Middle East," he says. There is virtually no way of checking where the money comes from.

Morris-Cotterill, who claims that the war against organised crime is already lost in most countries, is awaiting publication of the second edition of his book. How not to be a money launderer.

He says the only people affected by fruitless efforts to crack down on the practice are the general public. For example, there is a duty to report any suspicions to the police, penalty for non-compliance is four years inside. We are also subject to rigorous identity checks when taking out insur-

ance policies and so on. For crimi-

a couple of hundred pounds.

BARCLAYS reports its figures today and will be questioned about the 1250 million the bank managed to lose as a result of the Russian debt default last summer. This was a one-off event, the first such by a sovereign power since 1947, but no one has ever successfully explained how Barclays There is a story doing the rounds of banking circles that tries to do so

The decision to take the ill-fated position came from the capital markets committee alone, without advice from any of the in-house Russian experts.
This might fit with what we know of

the nature of Bob Diamond, the Barclays Capital boss, but it is unlikely to be the version of events on offer from Barclays today. The bank was quite rightly refusing to comment last night. But analysts present might like to ask for a list of Barclays's Russian experts last summer who might have been consulted, and just where they are now.

Derailed

A MATE rings. He was in a secondclass compartment on the London to Norwich express on Friday night when someone next to him pulled out the contents of a larger briefcase and set to work.

My friend had a look. You would, wouldn't you? The documents were addressed to Tony Habgood, non-executive director of PowerGen, and related to a meeting of the company's re-

muneration committee tomorrow. Further than that I will not say. But he is a PowerGen non-exec and the meeting is indeed tomorrow. I rang Habgood to check a) whether it was his double/mistaken identity. and b) why on earth, if you must transact such highly sensitive business, you don't at least upgrade to

"Ha, ha, ha. I don't think I've any comment on that," he replies. Long pause. "I'm trying to remember where the hell I was on Friday." A truly yawning pause. "Yup. I've no com-

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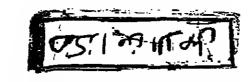
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he biggest adjustment anyone from the private sector has to make when confronted with the National Health Service is to understand how different the economics of the NHS are compared with those in their normal business life. At its most basic it means understanding that a service which is free at the point of delivery defies the economic logic that drives virtually all commercial organisations.

This was explained to me in very blunt terms early on in my wanderings around the NHS by one doctor who asked me what i was hoping to achieve with the report 1 was producing. I told him the hope was to come up with some recommendations which, if implemented, would improve the experience for the patient. "Why do you want to do that?" he replied. "If you improve the experience we just get more pa-

tients, and we can't cope with any more."
This doctor was not being entirely serious, but his point was an important one. Most commercial organisations have an economic incentive to improve the speed and efficiency of the service they deliver to their customers - often in the health service the opposite applies. This doesn't mean that people working in the NHS do not strive to improve the quality of the service they deliver - they do all the ome - but at times they are doing it despite the economic effects, not because of them.

For example, one of the issues it was suggested I address when I was asked to come up with proposals for a new NHS Charter was to question why so many people failed to turn up for hospital appointments — 12 per cent, according to official figures, costing the health service some £200 million a year (and that does not include the cost of consultants' lost rime).

Was this an issue of "patient irresponsibility", as is widely believed within the health service, or was there another cause? I rapidly discovered that it was the latter and this high "don't show" rate was much more to do with inadequate communication systems than it was to do with padents wilfully refusing to turn up.

At two NHS trusts I visited they had introduced pilot projects to try to beat this problem, and in both cases they succeeded by improving their means of communication with the patients, At Bassetlaw District General Hospital in Worksop they reduced the numbers not turning up from 10 per cent to just 3 per cent simply by introducing a well-written, well-presented appointment letter and a system in which people were telephoned out of office hours. reminded about the appointment and asked if they were coming. Hardly rocket science, but it worked.

Rotherham General Hospital Trust adopted a more sophisticated approach and handed their appointments system over to the Royal Mail, which redesigned the appointment letter to make it more user-friendly, included a reply slip and — as m Bassetlaw - phoned people they hadn't heard from. They reduced the "don't

show" rate from 11 per cent to 4 per cent. Despite both pilot projects being suc-cessful, neither trust continued with them: both were scrapped for financial reasons. In the case of Bassetlaw, the trust estimated that it would have saved them

Centre for best practice could straighten twisted economics



Re-engineering the processing of X-rays and various test results was shown to bring remarkable improvements to efficiency along with sizeable financial savings

£350,000 if they had introduced the system to the whole trust and it would have cost only £40,000 to employ the three extra clinic clerks needed to do it.

On the face of it the decision to spend the £40,000 was an easy one if it saved £350,000 a year. The problem was that the two currencies were different. The £350,000 was not real money - it was £350,000-worth of improvements to the effectiveness of the system - while the £40,000 was real extra cash and the trust simply didn't have the money.

In both cases the trusts ran up against the NHS version of Catch-22 - improved efficiency might mean a more effective trust able to deal with more patients and reduce waiting lists, but it doesn't neces-sarily save real cash or bring in enough new cash to pay for introducing the efficiencies in the first place.

It is inconceivable that a private sector organisation would make the same decision, but then improving the quality and efficiency of the service in most marketbased organisations usually leads to an increase in revenue which more than pays for the cost of introducing the changes. Even when they do not, the organisacion has little choice if its competitors are striving to make themselves more efficient.
I found the same economic conundrum

Author of The New NHS Charter, A Different Approach, GREG DYKE, on how a relatively small cash injection would bring huge improvements in efficiency

when looking at another major issue within the NHS: the failure of different parts of the organisation to exchange information about best practice and to learn from each other. Commercial organisations have an economic incendve to introduce best practice: if they do not and their competitors do, it makes them

less competitive and potentially uneconomic. This is PRESCRIPTIONS not true of the NHS, where the failure of different parts of the organisation to share best practice is legendary. Again in my wanderings around the health service I

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spent time at two trusts where they had introduced basic re-engineering projects. At both - the South Tees Acute Hospitals Trust and the Leicester Royal Infirmary they had re-examined their systems and, with the help of staff and patients, fundamentally redesigned them. The results were remarkable. In the Colposcopy clinic in South Tees the time the average patient spent with the consultant was increased by 50 per cent, the number of patients not turning up was halved; waiting time for a first appointment was reduced from 18 weeks to two: and the time taken for a follow-up ap pointment dropped from 13

days to 48 hours. On top of that, an unexpected result was that with the improved efficiencies the number of clinics needed to meet demand was reduced by 50 per cent. As a resuit, one of the specialists involved was able to devote more time to an-

other dinical area. Overall, the trust saved some £60,000 a year, which it was able to use to improve service elsewhere. At Leicester, the trust tried re-engineering in a number of areas and had great successes in two. In gastroenterology a

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20-week waiting period for test results was compressed into less than four hours and an average of three appointments per patient was reduced to one. As a result, waiting lists were considerably reduced.

In the second area, patient surveys had revealed that outpatients waiting for a long period of time for test results were suffering from a great deal of anxiety - and 80 per cent of these were for simple blood tests, X-rays and ECG tests. Again a re-engineering process produced remarkable results. Instead of the patient waiting 79 hours, walking 650 paces around the hospital and undressing three times it was now possible for patients to receive test results in 36 minutes, walk only 90 paces and undress once. The changes also saved the trust a total of £25,000 a year.

With results like these you would think trusts would be desperate to learn what was being achieved elsewhere and repli-cate it. Sadly, this is not the case. At Leicester they even set up a Centre for Best Prac-tice, with the task of advising others bow to follow their lead, but they had virtually no takers from within the NHS. Again, it is inconceivable that private sector organisadons would behave in this way. In the competitive age in which we live they cannot afford to fall far behind the competition.

This is not an argument for privatising

the NHS or ending the system in which medical care is obtained free at the point medical care is obtained tree at the point of delivery — that is one of the great achievements of Britain in the postwar period and is rightly recognised as such both inside the country and around the world. What it does show, however, is that we need to appreciate how our system of health delivery distorts rational economic decision-making and make adjustnomic decision-making and make adjust-ments for it. The internal market system introduced by the last Government was an attempt to do precisely that, but it was not "sold" to the staff of the NHS and as result was desperately unpopular. There are also doubts whether trying to introduce as crude a market mechanism as that would have worked in an organisa-tion like the NHS in any case - it certainly didn't encourage the sharing of best practice in the years in which it operated. What the examples I have described

show - and I have no doubt there are many more around the NHS - is that there are ways of greatly improving the efficiency and effectiveness of parts of the NHS without spending vast amounts of new money. However, some new money is needed to make these changes. This, in itself, is counter cultural to the prevailing view in the world of health, which argues that only by throwing vast sums at a prob-lem can it be solved.

I would argue that while the system may be under-resourced that does not may be under-resourced that also not mean that a lot of time and energy should not be spent analysing whether there are ways of using existing resources more existenced. The examples I have outlined show that there are, but they still carry a strell east. However, for comparatively real cost. However, for comparatively small sums — such as the £40,000 at Bassmall sums — such as the E40,000 at Bas-setlaw — significant advances in both effi-ciency and effectiveness can be achieved. My proposal to facilitate this is for the

Government to allocate some of the extra money it has committed to spend on the NHS to a newly established National Centre for Best Practice, which will distribute the extra cash to parts of the NHS which bid for the money and can demonstrate the scale of the efficiency savings they hope to make. Of course, how this money was actually spent and what efficiencies had been made would have to be monitored by the Centre for Best Practice.

Politically, this is attractive because at the end of a three or four-year period the Government should be able to say we spent, say, an extra £2 billion but gained £10 billion in service improvements. In this way the Government could demonstrate that it had modernised the NHS.

In terms of the sharing of best practice 1. believe trusts would very rapidly learn about new ideas and developments being practised elsewhere if they thought it meant that they could get new money to implement them and improve their service.

Of course there would still be some trusts which would lag behind, but I suspect it would not be long before they were being questioned about their failure to attract their share of this new money and their failure to modernise their particular part of the NHS.

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Smart money backs pair of inventors

By RODNEY HOBSON

A MAN who blow-torches his hand and another who monitors back pains with a match-box-sized device are the first two entrepreneurs to raise funds through a scheme to help inventors in the South of

They have been backed with a total of £84,000 after help from Hampshire's Virtual Company scheme launched last year. The service is funded by Business Link Hampshire and run by South East Hampshire Enterprise Agencies. The Business Link is offering to talk to other organisations to extend the idea to other areas. Mike Keenan, a painter and decorator based in Curdridge, near Southampton, has been awarded £45,000 through the DTI's Smart scheme, which helps with the development of inventions that have good com-

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mercial prospects. He was painting at a power station when he discovered by chance a material that would not burn. Mr Keenan has no degree and no scientific training but his discovery led him to spend ten years developing fire-resistant materials. His formulae protect substances that would not normally be protectable from fire, such as polystyrene and canvas. He won the award after

putting on a demonstration in front of 50 government scienosts. He used his treatment on paper, cloth, plastic resin and wood and subjected them to the heat of a blow-torch. As a finale he plunged his hand into a bucket of his own formulation grease and held the blow torch within half an inch of it. Paul Bracchi, an engineer

from Winchester, has won a Smart award of £39,000 for his Orthosense posture monitoring system. It could help more than 300,000 back pain sufferers in this country.

Orthosense is a matchboxsized monitor worn by the patient to record information on posture over seven to ten days. The data is downloaded on to a computer and analysed by a physiotherapist who can advise on improving posture and suitable exercises. The device can be programmed to emit a warning bleep if the wearer adopts a damaging posture.

The Virtual Company scheme aims to bridge the gap between inventors and image.

between inventors and investors, turning incredible ideas into credible businesses. It creates around the inventor a team of individuals with complementary skills who work unpaid to test and develop an idea, produce a prototype and take it forward to a full business plan. Join! ventures or limited companies can be formed by the participants once finan-cial backing is secured.

In the first year the Virtual Company scheme has considered a total of 90 promising ideas and selected 15 for further development.



On a wing and a prayer. Sophie Hamilton shrugged off sceptical friends and her lack of business experience to launch Little Wines

ressmaker's fairytale start

ophie Hamilton believes in fair-ies. What she finds much harder to believe is that her business making fairy dresses is set to break even in its first six months of trading.

While Christmas shopping two years ago for her five-year-old god-daughter, Miss Hamilton was struck by the lack of choice in such outfits for little girls. She was so taken by her god-daughter's reaction when she did manage to buy a fairy dress that she wondered if she had found a niche market that was not being properly served.
"I was amazed at how this little girl was transformed," she says. "She loved

away. She thought she could fly." Having traipsed through all the obvious outlets, including Harrods, Hamleys. John Lewis and the Disney Store. looking for other fairy outfits, Miss Hamilton felt sure there was a gap in the market that she was particularly well suited to fill. Combined with a childhood love of fairies was a desire to work in the clothing industry. "I love colours. textures and beauty," she says. "There was nothing else I really wanted to do."

After leaving school at 18, Miss

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the dress and got completely carried

Jennai Cox meets a woman who has turned a childhood fantasy into a lucrative niche business

Hamilton worked for Givenchy in Paris for 18 months as an assistant to the accessories designer, staying on in France for a further year to work for Christie's and complete a foundation course in sculpture. Already contemplating a career involving children. Miss Hamilton studied psychotherapy on her return to the UK. At the same time, she helped at an after-school drama group before deciding last summer to give her fairy outfits idea a try.

Despite her lack of business experience and various concerned comments from friends about the eccentricity of her idea, Miss Hamilton secured a bank loan and started work with a costume designer friend, Sophie Bowlby. on dress designs and patterns.

Buying materials such as crystal organza and netting in London for what was then planned only as a pilot project, she found a factory in the City to manu-

facture the dresses. Three weeks before the official launch of Little Wings, the manufacturer admitted it could not guarantee delivery. "It was awful. I told them it wasn't good enough and took everything back," she says. In the nick of time a company in Birmingham agreed to stitch the dresses together before sending them back to London for

the beading to be sewn on by hand. The mail-order catalogue put together in November features four different fairy dress designs from £50 to £115. plus wings, wands and slippers for children from three to six years old. So far Miss Hamilton has had to resist a number of individual commissions and a demand for adult versions.

She sold more than 100 dresses in the six weeks before Christmas and expects to be in profit from an estimated £15,000 first-year turnover. She has become used to being her own boss and is starting to think about longer-term plans for the business.

She is planning to make the next range of dresses more colourful, and in March is visiting a large store in New York which has expressed interest in selling the dresses. Demand from the US has proved so great that a website from which the dresses can be viewed

and ordered is also being set up.
In the long term, Miss Hamilton would like to run some sort of fairy shop, old-fashloned and surrounded with an aura of magic welcoming all children. "I really believe children lack the space and time to use their imaginations today," she says, "and this could be a creative place where they could come and do just that."

Although the company looks set to row, Miss Hamilton is still reeling from the surprise of its success. "The strange thing is that when I started I never really thought about making money. I wanted to succeed but I began it because it was something I believed in and my heart is there."

☐ Little Wings can be contacted by telephone or fax on 0171-243 3840.

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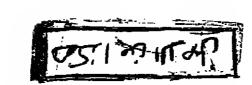
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Flexi lawyers dream of a lifestyle practice

Frances Gibb on a bold plan to modernise the way legal firms operate

um would be familyfriendly, offer flexihours, be high-tech and non-hierarchical — and that's just for a start. A far cry, in other words, from the traditional solicitors' firm or set of barris-

This month three lawyers are launching such a practice in London. Fed up with the profession's long-hours cul-ture and narrow career paths, David Warner, Michael Jones and Jennie Wade are pioneering what they hope will be the model way of working in the

The aims of Jones & Warner, which will operate from Lombard Street as a niche employment law practice catering to top companies, coincide neatly with the themes of this year's Woman Lawyer Forum, sponsored by The Times.

The forum on May 15 (see right and coupon below) will debate "changing the way we work" at a time when many younger lawyers are starting to resent the long hours expected in practice.

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Ms Wade is one of them. She is a mother of two children under the age of three, so the new firm is ideally timed. Working as a partner, she will do flexible hours over two days, with some work from "It is becoming harder for both men and women to counter the total immersion syndrome, she says. You have to be at your desk 16 hours a day because more

and more people are doing it.

"At present, women may be doing well in a firm, then take some time off to have children. But they are not helped to ing time off at all and come back as quickly as possible. full-time, to achieve their ca-

reer goal." The idea grew from a blueprint for a modern legal practice. Mr Jones, for 20 years a commercial barrister at One Essex Court, says: "It started as a philosophical discussion about how law firms could and should organise themselves in the modern age."

Both he and Mr Warner already knew each other from Warner Cranston, the City law firm that Mr Warner founded in 1979 and built into to a highly regarded practice with 20 partners and 130 staff. He became senior partner, but at 50 wanted a change. Mr



Family firm: Jennie Wade and her children, with colleagues Michael Jones (centre) and David Warner

Jones. had left the firm to join the Warner Cranston firm as a litigation partner, to found the firm's advocacy department. "I was very surprised by how merarchical the solicitors pro fession was. People expect to work hard, to become a partner way down the line but with few rewards on the way - the assistant solicitors were undervalued and not expected

After brainstorming, they came up with several factors they did not like: the long haul to partnership, the emphasis on targets that solicitors must achieve in terms of billing, the lack of flexibility for part-timers and generally the total

immersion culture". The firm will break new ground in several ways: in employing barristers, solicitors and using other professionals such as human resource experts, to create a "one-stop

shop" in employment law. It hopes to expand up to 27 part-ners, becoming the largest specialist employment practice in the country.

The area of law fits well with its philosophy of catering to what it calls "lifestylers": lawyers who want to work in new ways and who in large numbers are being lost to the profession at present. Mr Warner says: "Women with children, those looking after relatives, people wanting career breaks or combining academic work with live law . . . a well-run legal practice should accommodate all

What happens when the lawyer handling a case is not there? One answer is a rota: clients will be served by a team of lawyers and know all members, one of whom will al-

ways be on duty. Lawyers will also all have home work stations, complete with moderns and mobile phones at their dis-

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At first, it will be a partnership; but in a few years' time it sees itself and other law firms becoming incorporated. "Economically," Mr Warner says. we are run as a company with the shareholders, directors and employees getting the

rewards." Some may say it sounds too good to be true. But if it works, then Jones & Warner will have cut a path that others will be







Women must make a difference at the top

Why a new equality deal is still needed

yers' forum - women have made it now, haven't they? The comment came, perhaps unsurprisingly, from a man. And it is true that women now account for half the annual entrants to the legal profession. But despite its changing landscape, the profession remains a masculine one, argues Clare McGlynn.

In her new book, Woman Lawyer - making the difference, Ms McGlynn. a law lecturer at Newcastle University, highlights the need for fundamental reform in the organisation of the profession if women are to play their full role as lawyers and judges.

The statistics tell the story: women are still not represented in the senior judiciary (there is only one woman in the Court of Appeal): and women account for only 12 per cent of Queen's Counsel. There has oot been a woman leader of the Law Society; only 16 per cent of women are partners in law firms: and the average earnings of women solicitors are lower than those of men.

Partly the reason is historical, reflecting the smaller pool of women available to promote to senior positions. But it is also the way the profession is structured; the inbuilt ostacles in its working practices, particularly where women want to

combine work and a career. This bigger picture is the target of this year's Woman Lawyer Forum on May 15. The theme is mainstreaming, an ugly but apt word. The forum, launched five years ago by Margaret McCabe, a barrister, is now a mainstream event, sponsored by the Law Society and the Bar and central to the profession's policy-making debates.

Kamlesh Bahl, one of the speak-

ers and Law Society depoty vice-president, says: "Mainstreaming is about a new approach, about building equality into policies from the start into every aspect of employ ment. Every decision taken should be looked at from this angle - will it impact adversely on women or

any other group? Women may be spearheading this approach, but it applies equally to any other group who might face discrimination. It is not, she argues, the old-style battle for wom-en's rights but about changing attitudes to equality across society.

This year's programme has a star-studded line-up, including Baroness Jay of Paddington, Minister for Women, who is giving a keynote speech; Cheric Booth, QC: Mrs Justice Hale; Cheryl Carolus the South African High Commissioner to London; Janet Gaymer, head of employment at Simmons & Simmons: Baroness Kennedy of

the Shaws; and Professor Judith Resnik, Professor of Law at Yale.

There will be open-forum sessions and eight different workshops on themes from changing the way we work to management and leadership skills, client-getting, violence against women and, for the first time at a mainstream event a session on sexual harassment in the workplace.

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Ms McCabe adds: "It was women who first got together and made the point that women's issues were not being addressed. Now we are saying: "This is not just a matter to be left to us; it is for everyone.' The debate has come of age."

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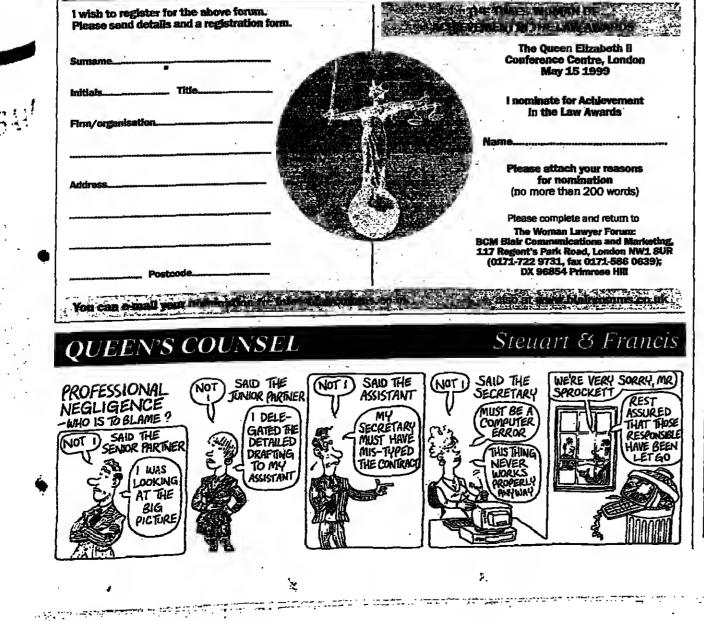
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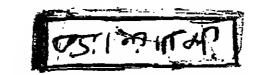
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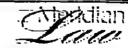
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such as the Fashion Café, Yardley and Falmer Jeans have in common? Their collapses have been widely publicised over recent months and one of the chief issues in each case for the administrator or receiver was how to exploit intellectual property rights, the IPR, the companies owned.

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What is the link between IPRs and in-solvency? With a recession looming. practitioners need to get to grips with IPRs as they are among the most important assets of companies in every

The appointment of John Alexander as administrator of the Fashion Cafe highlighted how the role of the insolvency practitioner has markedly changed. When launched amid huge press coverage, the Fashion Café was expected to rival Planet Hollywood with the supermodels Claudia Schiffer, Naomi Campbell and Elle Macpherson as its star attractions for regular appearances and publicity. Part of the Fashion Cale's value was its name and the company also owned trademarks. The risk of damage to the name itself will have been one reason why the company opted for administration rather than liquidation.

Intellectual property rights can be very valuable — particularly with a recession looming, says Charles Pugh

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dator would have no grounds to set

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this may ignore the IPR that the origi-

nal company owned and exploited.

Indeed, the type of businesses most at risk from a recession are those companies in sectors heavily reliant on intangible IPRs for their asset base.

Yardley, the "quintessential English" cosmetics group, collapsed last August. Just before Christmas the receivers could celebrate the sale of the Yardley name and many of its brands. Though they recognised that the real value lay in the goodwill attached to the brand names, they found how complex sales can be when IPRs are owned in numerous countries: in the sale of Bath Luxuries, trademark rights were involved in more than 100 countries

IPRs are extensive and protect knowhow, technical processes, computer programs, as well as brands. As emphasised by Mr Justice Jacob, in Western Intelligence Limited v KDO Label Printing Machines Limited & Others (judgment May 1998), included in a company's assets may be design rights. rights in customer lists, and even its telephone numbers, all of which may be

Serious consequences may flow from this for the insolvency practiooner and the appointing bank. In Western Intelligence, the assets of the original company had been charged to the bank: unaware of the value of IPRs in the company, the bank gave its consent to a transcritical to the success of the business. fer of assets instigated by directors seek-That dispute concerned one of the soing to establish a new company with a similar name. According to the judge. called "phoenix" companies that arise from the ashes when a company goes the bank was not "fully alive to what their client was up to and with more out recourse. Soon after, a new compacare they might have found out".

The outcome was that the assets could be recovered by a creditor for his own benefit, leaving the bank out of pocket. The failure to recognise that the value that exists in IPRs was identified by the judge as one factor enabling the setting up of phoenix companies to con-

The Government recently estimated the creative sector of the economy at £58 billion, growing at double the rate of the rest of the economy. The importance of IPRs cannot underestimated and all of us, including insolvency practitioners, who will pick up the pieces of the less successful companies, need to recognise the criocal role these rights play.

The author is head of insolvency at Llewe-

Charity should begin at the lawyer's office

Voluntary groups and charities may lose out if they are unclear about their rights. Gary Slapper reports

I harities are facing a surge in work with the dismantling of parts of the welfare state. But legal problems are im-pairing their ability to deliv-

The large, well-known charities are used to engaging law firms to protect their interests of their beneficiaries. Most small voluntary organisations, however, cannot afford to make regular use of lawyers, and there is mounting evidence that they are being legally abused by the large public bodies that buy their services. The Local Government

Bill is now going through the House of Commons. This will give charities and voluntary groups a much greater role in the provision of social services because local authorities will be obliged under the new "best value regime" to make arrangements for the achievement of "economy, efficiency and effectiveness" in performing their statutory functions.

There are about 187,000 registered charities in England and Wales, but only a few hundred appear to make regular use of law firms. The total annual income of all charities regis-tered with the Charity Com-mission is more than £18 billion. But the wealth is concentrated in a few large charities, the commission re-

ports. In fact, about 70 per cent of registered charities have an annual income of £10,000 or less, and the pooled income of three quarters of them amounts to less than 2 per cent of the entire annual income of charities.

Thousands of these organisations are now making contracts with local authorities, the NHS and other public bodies to provide services for unwell or vulnerable people. The trouble is that the charities are not taking legal advice about how best to make contracts and are, consequently, getting into trou-ble. The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and the Charity Commission have recently its staff. published advice on how to proceed through the often

of contract. In one case highlighted by the NCVO, a charity was contracted by a local authority on its standard terms. Under the agreement, to work with the social services department. the charity had to provide "fiduciary insur-ance". Broadly, this covers an employer or service purchaser against liability for the dishonesty of an employee or voluniary worker. The charity in this case, though, had no idea about the implications of the contract term.

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The NCVO document Mutual Obligations

— A Guide to Contracts with Public Budies contains some clear examples of the benefits of good legal interventions being made on behalf of charities.

The document was written by Joss Saunders, a part-ner with Linnells, who notes: "Just because a charity has been offered funding does not mean that it has to accept it on the first terms offered. Some things are nego-

A social services department included in its standard terms of purchase the

right to demand the removal of staff members from the project. The charity success ully objected on the ground that staffing decisions were a matter for the charity, not for the purchaser. The charity was responsible for ensuring that service levels were performed, and there were monitoring provisions, but il was reasonable for the charity not to allow the department power to remove

Small charities are often unclear about points that lawyers regard as relatively simple: at what point in negotiations is a legally bind-ing contract formed? What is the difference between agreements made by contract and those by deed? If an organisation takes over a project involving existing employees, what are its obligatioos under the Transfer of Undertakings Reguladons 1981? Sometimes, a lawyer's request for the judicious insertion of the word "reasonable" in a few places in the agreement ("The trustees will take all reasonable steps ...) can make all the difference.

The law of charity is a complex and organic entry but it does not truly impede charitable work. By contrast, ordinary, general law, such as the law of contract, is vexing the work of charities in oumerous ways. This is surely an area of law preeminently suitable for pro bono work, especially as, by helping one party — the charity — hundreds or thousands of its beneficiaries will also be helped.

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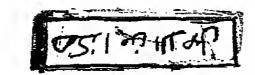
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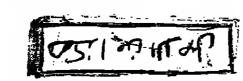
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Few great players have reacted to success as modestly as the Open champion

O'Meara remains true to his roots



ook into Mark O'Meara's eyes, as Bri-an Watts did during the play-off for the Open Championship last year and as Tiger Woods did when expecting O'Meara to concede him an 18in pun in the final of the World Match Play Championship at Wentworth, and you see the desire of a born

O'Meara's face is as round as a golf hall and welcoming. the sort of comforting face that you hope to see when you walk into an unfamiliar bar. But do not be fooled.

This is the man who won two major championships and was the outstanding golfer in the world in 1998, a man who has called for competitors in the Ryder Cup to be paid, the man who has become a mentor to Woods, his neighbour. That's Mark," Peter Malik, his manager, said. "Easy-going and gentlemanly, but

We are all children of our parents, some of us owing more to the influences of one than the other. Greg Norman. sire to please his father, while Nick Faldo is the living embodiment of the aims and ambi-

tions of his mother. O'Meara is the balanced product. From Bob. his father, he has inherited the capacity to make friends easily, a characteristic that stood him in good stead as a child when his parents moved house seven rimes before he was 13.

Nelda O'Meara has passed on to her son a considerable work ethic, an outlook on life

that has made him cherish what he has had to work for and an understanding of the true meaning of wealth. With winnings of nearly £2 million last year alone. O'Meara could easily afford to buy or lease a plane and he considered it for a while, before those maternal teachings surfaced."It was either fly around by myself or have a nice apartmeni where I could enjoy some off-season time with my family," he said. "So I bought an apartment in Deer Valley, Utah, where we can all ski. "As a kid. I remember my

Mom would ask me to go and pull the weeds. I'd go out there, pull them real quick and come back in and she would say to me: 'You're not done. You didn't get the roots. You have got to get the roots, otherwise the weeds grow right back again.' These are the things she taught me. Turn off the light. Take care of your

things.

The first thing I do a lot of times when I get home after a trip is go down early the next morning and wash the cars. and maybe wax them if they need it. Or I'll go and clean up my boats."

Though, on and off a golf course, O Meara has a pleasantly rumpled look that adds to his charm, he is, in fact, almost as neat as Justin Leonard, his predecessor as Open champion, who puts his socks in rows according to their colours.

"People who come to my home might say: "Wow, you can eat off the garage floor." My feeling, from when I be-



O'Meara, a late developer, is friendly and approachable off the course but a fierce competitor on it. Photograph: Andrew Redington/Allsport

gan playing professionally, is that I started with very little and now I've got a few nice things. I used to take care of things back then. I do so now. You should take pride that you have accomplished something in your life that has enabled you to afford to buy something

Bob and Nelda O'Meara were not the only influences at work on the young Mark. Ben Hogan played his part, too. It was in the offices of the legendary champion that O'Meara, the 1979 US Amateur champion, signed to turn professional.

Later, O'Meara sought help with his golf swing from Hog-an, before ignoring it, in a burst of youthful heresy. "Mr Hogan said: 'I'll watch you hit

some balls, but I might not say

anything."
"A couple of years later, I came out to Shady Oaks and he watched me hit balls. I was

By one of those pleasing co-

hitting it great. He told me things about my swing and he got me set up in a certain way and then I started hitting it and I was doing it worse. I asked him what he thought. He said: That looks a lot bet-ter. I thought to myself: 'I'm not going to do this. I am doing better with what I've got.' So I stuck with what I was

incidences that come along from time to time, O'Meara was 41 last year, his year of years, the same age as Hogan in 1953, when he had his year of years, winning the Masters. the US Open and the Open Chaqmpionship. Another link: Hogan won the 1953 Open at Carnoustie, the redoubtable Scottish course, and it is there in July that O'Meara

will defend his title. When, late in 1996, Woods moved to within 40 paces of O'Meara's house in Isleworth. Orlando, Florida, it was clear that he was going to learn

Being a friend of Tiger's has definitely

helped me to improve my game?

from O'Meara. What is less well-known is how much O'Meara has been revitalised by the young man who is almost half his age. O'Meara has been one of the most consistent golfers in the United States for the past 15 years, but an exceptional one since Woods's arrival.

"Being a friend of Tiger's has definitely helped me improve my game, because Tiger Woods can do things with a golf ball that Mark O'Meara cannot. He has so much more ability than I know I have, so I have had to find some way to

beat him or get my game up a couple of notches. Earlier this month, when Tiger and I played together at Pebble Beach, we were walking down the 15th hole and he said: 'I enjoy playing so much with you. have learnt so much watching you play.' I guess he means from the way I conduct myself on the course, the way I manage myself around it.
"I hope if he came to me and

asked for an honest opinion, I would give him that and, if he steps out of line or I think he is doing something crazy, I have told him. I would reproach him. Let's face it, he has brought a lot of new interest into golf. He has been good for

He might have added: "And

Faldo gets final place in field at La Costa

By JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK FALDO arrived in London yesterday a happy man, relieved that none of his rivals for a place in the Andersen Consulting World Match Play Championship in California next week had overtaken him in the latest world ranking list, compiled after tournaments around the world had

concluded on Sunday. Faldo has cancelled plans to compete in the European Tour event in Qatar this week and, instead, will stay in England before flying to La Costa to prepare for the first of the World Golf Championship

Somehow, Faldo has held on to 65th place in the world rankings, despite missing the two-round cut in the Desert Classic in Dubai last week. The field for the World Golf Championship event is the world's top 64 players and since Jumbo Ozaki, ranked No 14, will not be there, Faldo

has got the last spot.

He needed plenty of luck to make it. The performances of Andrew Coltart, Robert Karlsson and Per-Ulrik Johansson enough for them to overtake him. In the Australian Masters, Greg Turner, of New Zea-land, would have taken over from Faldo had he finished in a two-way tie for third. He did finish third - but with two others, not one.

After this news had been relayed to Faldo in Dubai, all that remained was to check performances in the Buick Invitational tournament in San Diego, where Chris Perry needed to finish second to eliminate the former Open champion and David Thoms seventh. As it happened, Perry came fourth and although Thoms had a putt lo make Faldo's journey unnecessary, it went wide,

Faldo's participation may prove to be a mixed blessing, bowever, for be must face Tiger Woods, the world No I, in the first round and Woods is in form. He won the San Diego event, his first victory since May last year.



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Richard Evans on a new trainer at West Ilsley

Coakley confident of staying the distance

of the year, on average, a racehurse trainer gives up the struggle to make ends meet and hands in his or her licence. It is also a fact that a new trainer takes out a licence. on average, every week of the

Economists would be delighted by such a perfect exam-ple of supply and demand at work and suggest, no doubt. that the racehorse training prolession is finely matched to the nceds of the consumer. Stu-dents of human nature might argue that such statistics prove trainers are divided equally into pessimists and optimists. Denis Coakley is about to discover the truth.

After spending the last ten years as assistant to Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. during which time he experienced the joys of Royal Ascot winners and helping to pre-pare horses owned by the Queen, he is the latest recruit

to the training ranks. Coakley, 39, is living proof of the old adage about every cloud having a silver lining. Although he had hummed and hawed about setting up on his

by Lord Hunningdon to hand in his licence was the jolt which transformed thought into action. As Huntingdon closed a chapter in his life, he helped to open another for his protégé. "My first thought upon hearing the news was to start training myself," he re-called yesterday.

The 16-box yard from which

Coakley is setting up shop is barely a couple of furlongs down the drive from the historic West Ilsley yard which is now up for sale. Keepers Stables, built a decade ago but used only occasionally as an isolacon yard, is owned by Huntingdon, who has always preached the need for starter yards for young trainers. Now he has the opportunity to put words into action and is renting the yard out on a box by box basis - and offering posiove encouragement by filling one of them with Gascon, an unraced three-year-old.

Former owners with Hunongdon have also been swift to give Coakley an all-important leg up onto the training ladder. Stanley Sharp, who enjoyed such success with

Penny Drops, winner of the Cambridgeshire and Forte Mile, has sent him four horses, including a Barathea colt out of Penny Drops.

George Ward, one of racing's biggest sponsors who particularly enjoys West IIsley's tranquility, has filled two boves with Smart Squall, a list-ed winner, and a two-year-old by Puissance. Faraway Lass, a useful top of the ground sprinter who has won five races, will carry John Rose's colours, while Sharp Spice, owned by a Newbury pub syndicate, is another to have made the short journey to Keepers Stahles.

y the start of the Flat B season, in six weeks' time, a dozen of the boxes should be full and Coakley will find out whether he has what it takes. His apprendceship within racing gives him

every chance.
After riding point-to-point and bumper winners in his na-tive Ireland, he went to Australia, where he first met Hunongdon in the early 1980s, and worked on a stud. He then joined Gordon Richards in Cumbria and enjoyed

a fair share of success as a jock-ey, including winners at Cheltenham and Aintree, before go ing to the United States. After working for Janet Elliott, a leading jumps trainer, and Neil Drysdale, he joined Huntingdon at Newmarket in

When Huntingdon an-nounced he was retiring, Coakley was quick to anend a threeweek trainers' course at the Bridsh Racing School in Newmarket, a compulsory require-ment before a licence can be granted by the Jockey Club. The lectures on manage-

ment of horses may have taught him little new, but learning how to deal with staff, setting up a business plan and coping with accounts proved invaluable. As a result he has devised an all-in training package - excluding transport - for £240 a week, which makes life simpler for owners and himself.

"I hope to have five horses ready to run in April. They are all fit and healthy at the moment. I will be disappointed if the horses I have got do not all win in their own grade." Now there is confidence for you.



Coakley returns from exercising Browning, one of his recruits, at Keepers Stables, his base in Wesl Ilsley

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2.00 Disco Tex 2.30 Tumpole

THUNDERER 3.30 Fatehalkhair 4.00 Balleswhidden 4.30 Royal Scimitar 5.00 Simple Tonic

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.30 ROYAL SCIMITAR.

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3.00 Caldamus

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,635, 2m 11) (15 runners)

RETTING 5-1 Norman Conquest, 6-1 Majker 7-1 Landajano, 8-1 Bawara, Mons, 10-1 Scraptastic, Motazanii, Decor

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2.30 LANO OF THE PRINCE BISHOPS NOVICES CHASE

(£3,901: 3m 3l) (15 runners)

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BETTING: 4-5 tumpole: 11-4 Master Note: 6-1 Menshaar, 12-1 Castin Red, 14-1 Bold Action Spirit Of Steel: 25-1 Homographic, 33 1 others.

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Castle Red 2m 2nd of 7 to Relation in moving chase at Maste (3m 11, soit) with Lothian Commander Heave boutger down Jacks 5-7 5th of 10 to Legal Right in nunce chase at Luddow (2m 41, good) in soit). Splits Of Steel 33 4th of 12 to Dat Hash Wing in nunce nurther at Scalegheid (2m 51 110 yd., good).

TURSPOLE jumped country when scowing a bloodless victory falest and should be followed **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

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3.00 ALPHAMERIC BET SETTLING SYSTEM NOVICES HURDLE (£2,583: 2m 5l 110yd) (15 runners)

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(3m 110yd, good to soh), Georga 411 9th of 17 to Entouse at capacitation 11 m Cas Curamygram 36 yrund 10 to but \$2 at harmostin (2m, heavy) with \$30 yrundsag (evert, 45) and \$3 to \$3 to \$3 to \$3 to \$4 to \$5 JOLLY MINSTER has sound claims on the form book in a weak named

3.30 TOTE HURDLE (SHOWCASE HANOICAP AND TOTE

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402 -41152 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK TO COLF.G.SI Mr. M Peveley 8-11-13 Mr A Damps	ev (3)
403 5-1603 BANKAR 49 (G.S.) (M Burics 55th Family Settlement) T Easterby 5-11-8 L	Wyer
404 -16330 FATEHALKHAIR 11F (CO.F.G) (ii Wagner) B Elicon 7-11-7 C McComma	ck (3)
405 1P-242 PAPUA 27F (F) (R Helchins) Baldling 5-11-6 R Duni	voodv
406 P-1435 JUSTIN MAC 10 (D.F.G.S) (Mr & Mrs R Green) J Fit: Gerald 8-11-4 P	Mirvers
407 217PP1 NILBUE KING 12 (S) IA MICLUCIOE) P Montesth 7-11-2	niddol
- 308 446FSF SUPERTOP 12 (D.F.G.) DAS B Lungo Llungo 1-11-0 W Down	nd (5)
408 -33133 COUNTRY ORCHED 48 (CO.G.S.) (No. Kahoel Mr.; M Revelot 8-10-13 M H Wanght	นก 15)
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BETTING: 5-1 Papus, 11-2 Country Orchud, 6-1 Kultup King, Fasekashnar, 7-1 Once More For Luck, 6-1 Akabang. 10-1 Farv Ridge, Warning, 12-1 Gospel Song, 14-1 Caporton, 16-1 Justin Mac, Bakkor 1998 FATEHALKHAIR 6-10-0 C McCormack (7-2) B Elfson 11 ran

FATEHALKHAIR, highly tried on his last hurdles start, looks capable of playing a leading tole here

4.00 JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

(£3.254, 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

Long handkap, June's River 9-13, Another Red 9-11, Marlingland 9-9 BETT/865, 2-1 Ballesonadden, 7-2 Blaznog Litern, 11-2 Moss Pagezra, 6-1 Queencawy, 7-1 Prince Or Saints, 8-1 June's Rines, 25-1 Another Red, Martington, 33-1 others. 1998: KILDRIJAMAY CASTLE 6-10-0 G Lee (8-1) J FitzGerald 9 ran

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88 A 2007 LANNE Castleto Carrett at home chase at Welterby (2m 41 110yd good). BLAZING DAWN scored in heavy ground liest time but is equally effective on a sounder surface

4.30 ALPHAMERIC RED ONION NOVICES CHASE (£3,116: 2m 5f) (15 runners)

(£3,116 · 2m · 5i) {15 runners}
601 · 4-1F6P HEAVY HISTLER 62 (B.CO.F.5i] J Howard Johnson 8-11-11 C McCormack (3) 103
602 · 21-329 G EDBROMER 64 (6.5) flats 5 Waterson M Hammond 7-11-4 ... B Harding 99
603 · F400- JOSS BAY 440 flats 1 Young I Late 7-11-4 ... R Garnthy
604 66-000 MADERIST SAM 62 (M Carrel P Beautroni 7-11-4 ... 8 Garnthy
605 U2-422 MRC STAN 15 (BF 65) IJ Christoni L Lango 8-11-4 ... R Suspik
606 - 20333 OUIEBS BRIGADE 12 (S) (Mrc F Waterni J Waterni 7-11-4 ... B Storry
607 - 4229 REPLEX COURSER 21 (M Incited J Upon 7-11-4 ... J Suspik
608 - 94-923 ROYAL SCANTAR 10 (S) PJ J M Racing] M Fompline 7-11-4 ... L Wyer [135]
609 PJ-PO SKAME RYREP 19 (5) (Mr. S Restry) Mrc Stamb B-11-4 ... R Wildinson 15 15
610 10300P SLEMA CREEK 12 (B CD.E.S.) N Thompson 9-11-1 Mr M Thompson 46
611 1482 - DISTANT HILLS 41 (Inc) (R Meebby) 1 Doods 7-10-13 ... D Bendey
613 1445-0 NOSEASOMATAL 24 (S) (A Province) Mrs Mr Meeter 7-10-13 ... P Niver 6-13 1445-0 NOSEASOMATAL 24 (S) (A Province) Mrs Mrs Mrs 10 ... P Niver 6-14 00000 NORTHERN FLASH 3 LI Haynest J Haynes 5-10-8 ... A Dobbin 6ETTIME: 9-4 Clerbows. 11-4 Root Scribar 7-2 Mile Sun 6-16 Refug Cours, 10-1 Queen Brigate, [4-1 BETTING: 9-4 Glerobows. 11-4 Royal Scannar 7-2 Mile: Stan. 6-1 Reflex Counts, 10-1 Queens Brigade, 14-1 Heavy Hustles: 20-1 Distant Hills, 25-1 orbins 1998 SHAMAVOGH 7-11-4 J CaRaghan (4-5 bpt 6 M Moore 12 can

Heavy Hussler polled to vi handscap classe at Cattertof (2m 3), good), previously 351 6th of 12 to House Capital in notice chace at Sergeledd (2m viously 351 6th of 12 to House Capital in notice chace at Sergeledd (2m Newcaste (2m 4), heavy with Queens Brightade (levels) translated in notice chace at An 12m 5 1 though 11th (2m 3), good) Millor Sten (1 m) do 6 to Millor Franchisan in notice chace at An 12m 5 1 though 11th (2m 3), promostly short level 2m of 3 to House 14th (2m 3), good) Millor Sten (1 m) do 6 to Millor Chace (chace at An 12m 5 1 though, beavy Queens Brighted (2m 3) do 6 to 7 to Rediction in motice chace at Acts (3m 1), colly Redict Course polled to in made of chace at Acts (3m 3), and (3m 4) and (3m 4 MINE STAIN has been unlucky to limit one too good his last two starts but may now gain a deserved win

5.00 SEDGEFIELD MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,515, 2m 1f) (14 runners)

BETTING 5-4 Sample forum 3-1 Parton Not 6-1 Super Normad, 14-1 Shearm, Mathematical, 16-1 offices: 1998 COOLAW 5-11-8 Mr P Manphy (4-6 tav) F Manphy 14 ran

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2.20 Cittadino, 2.50 Prerogative. 3,20 Waynflete. 3.50 WISHING WILLIAM (nap), 4.20 Goodwood Cavatier, 4,50 Welsh Mountain.

GOING, GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE) SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES (HUROLES COURSE) SIS

2.20 WREN HANDICAP CHASE (£4,370; 2m 4l 110yd) (12 junneis)

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	1 -060 DAMAS 62 (B.D.F.G.S) (McClain 8-11 1) T.J. Murphy -040 GARETHSOR 10 (E.Mcc. H. tright, 5-11-5) J. Caulony 3 3344 REAGAINSOUE 18 (D.F.G.F. McClain 7-19-11 R. Farrant 4 -154 SEYMOURSWIFT 53 (G.S.) (C.S.O) (10-11) S. Wynne 5 PPUS BRAMBLEBERRY 11 (D.F.G.S.) (htt.) Carthi 10-10-5	120
	Mr J Crowley (5)	1)9
Į	6 -3F3 DADDY DANCER 26 Mr. P Fold 8-10-4 O McPhail (5)	
ı	7 O-UP JUST BRUCE 12 (CD.F.S) Mr. & HEAT) 10-10-4	100
ı	Mrs F Needham	102
ı	8 3P24 KELLY MAC 15 (D.F.G.S) D GBrien 2-10-2 W Marston	102
ı	9 2522 RIVER BAY 27 (8.9F.D S) 1.5c; h Vingh: 6-10-1 A Magure	445
ı	15 O CO COTADDIO 21 OF D.C.S. O. WHICH D. IV. I A WARRING	150
ı	16 O-FP CITADINO 31 (BF,D G.S) C Thornton 9-10-0 D Leatry	100
١	11 004F AMERICANVAL 49 (S) \$ (Jelio 11-10-0 C Webb	33
١	12 /25P CULLANE LAKE 47 (D.G.S) Miss + Milligan 9-17-0	
١	J S Navanagh	110
	3-1 River Bay 5-1 Seymoursetty 6-1 keaganesque 10-2 Gazettoon Helly Mar Garacino, 8-1 Caddy Caster, 20-1 caters	7-1
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	(£2.024 2m) (12)
ļ	 001/ BLANCHLAND S48F (D.F.) P Ricchest, 10-11-1, F Kentry (7) 03-4-PREROGATIVE 47 (V.D.F.B.S) M Proc 3-11-12 A P McCory 006/ BREAK THE ROLLES 237F (D.B.S) Mass N. Matter, 7 11-10 Mr. N Feibly (7)
	4 2149 BRAMELES WAY 70 (CD.F.G.S) F Jocan 10-11-8 A Magnine [] 5 MANKATO 13F O Corpore 5-11 P
	8 - ORO SPONTFAYEE (1 (D.F.G.S) J Long 11-11-4 D Galagher 10 P-43 ANALOGICAL 17 D McCan 6-11-2 T J Murphy 11 1620 BRANCPETH BELLE 18 (S) II Mason 9-11-1 H Gwer 15 12 TRUST GEORGE 10 FC Veller 4-10-6 W R Amison
	11-4 Grambles Way, 3-1 Precountrie, 7-1 Precisis Sprint Up Round Robin, 8-1 Sa depart Bolle, 14-1 Break The Rules, Analogical, 25 T utness

2 20 THINNEY MAINEN CHASE (53.080.

J.ZU THURNBY MAJOEN CHASE (£3,080.	2m 11) (1
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2 2/33 EMPEROR'S MAGIC 15 N Matter 8 11 5 3 362/ PEVER PITCH 667P B Hadges 9 11 5	P Holley
4 050 FILOU DU BOIS 47 Mass H Kingth 6-11-5	J Cultory
5 :P-P GALLANT LORD 27 (6) Mrs L Jewell 10:11-5 Ltr N 6 630- HIGH GALE 307 P Wichold 7-11-5	Februsy (7) J 1ectard
52P MERRY SHOT 36 (B,D b) Mrs J Purnan 1-11-7	D Leahy
	P McCoy ooles (7)
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	J Murphy Fizzerald
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12-1 Boutcard Buy 14-1 Sweep Clean 16-1 James	41 24 W (1881 2)

3.50 TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE

(£7,165, 2m 7l 110yd) (8)
1 (F-P A N C EXPRESS 22 (G.S) J king 11-11-10 . T Jenks 2 P-11 DARK STRANGER 20 (S) M Pine 9-11-2 . A P M/COy 126 3 -511 WISHING WILLIAM 87 (G S) M/CS H kingli 7-10-9 J Cultony 103
4 ,714 NY BOY 66 (GS) C Mann 9-10-8 Un N Fehily (7) 1759 5 F517 NOISY MINER 39 IF.G.S) O Outbotton 7-10-8 R Johnson 130
6 1F40 CARLEY LAD 18 (\$) N Mason 11 10-0
8 35-P BALLYDOUGAN 12 (V,S) R Marten 11-10-0 T J Murphy 120
5-2 State Stranger 7-2 Westering William, 4-1 Avy Boy, Harry Minte, 19-1 A D C Express, 14-1 Carley Lad, Oncenth recounters, 25-1 Bellydougan

A 20 COMERRY NOVICES HURDLE

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(4-Y-0: £2,385; 2m) (10)	
1 2143 SADLER'S SECRET 21 IV.BF.S1 h 2 R AHERNE 14 B Palmy 10-12 . 3 BLACK WFASE IF MES J Craze 4 CORNICLE 87F C Kellen 10-12 5 OP DANCINS DERIVSH 34 S Mellon 1 5 3P EL FUERTE 10 IV Clay 10-12 1/2 GOODWOOD CAVALUER 32 OF	W Marston 10-12 R Guest L Harvey 10-12 G Webb G Tormey Mess V William: 10-12
8 STOPWATCH 17F Mr; L Jewell 10 9 005 10M'5 PRIZE 40 T Wall 10-1; . 10 MISS PASADENA 167F Mr; D Hai	Atzpuru (3)
4-7 Goodwood Cavalies 11-4 Sadler's Secret 7-1 sell Stopwalch 30-1 Commune El Fuerle Tomas F	

4.50 OADBY HANOICAP HURDLE (£3,054 2m) (7)

1 1124 NESSUN DORD 38 (D.S) 5 Metio 7-12-0 C Webb 99
2 13-2 PROVINCE 12 (D.S) 6 Marin 6-10-10 J Magner 85
3 -593 RING OF VISION 18F (D.F) J J Down 7-10-10 A P McCov 112
4 2212 WELSH MOUNTAIN 18 (CD.S) 1 Metiopa 6-10-7 A S Smith [178]
5 3331 HIGH LOW 13 (D.F.S) I Jones 11-10-2 J Moglord (7) 99
6 2444 FAIR AND FAINCY 32 [BF,CD,G,S] Mccs | Milliogn 6-10-1
7 4630 GRATE BRITISH 26 (D.S) J Allen 7-10-0 \ \(\lambda\) Avenur (3) 184 3-1 High Low, 7-2 Necoun Data 4-1 Prinvince, 9-2 Ring Of Vision, 11-2 Websi Moun-ber, 18-1 Fax, And Faxor, 14-1 Grain, Bullioth

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TRAINERS, J King, S. authers from 15 Junners, 33,3%. N. Hencerson, 11 from 34, 32,4%. M. Pube, 19 from 67, 28,4%. Mirzh H. kutgril, 7 from 27, 25,9%. Mus J Pulman, 10 from 43, 23,3%. Mus D Haine, 3 from 13, 23,1%. JDCNEYS, A P McCoy, 16 wanters from 47 rides 34 th G Tomics 4 both 14 28 69, J Cultoly 5 born 20, 25 ths M A Fuggeder, 12 times 50, 23 ths 8 Fenton, 4 from 22, 18 ths J McCarthy, 4 from 23, 17 4%

LINGFIELD PARK

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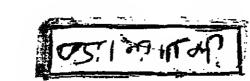
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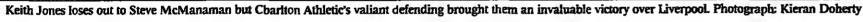
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Only three matches have been played over the past week which count towards the Times Fantasy League lists. Points scored in these matches have been added to the player lists (right) and count towards the monthly and overall prizes, but ill noi de taken into account is deciding next week's winner. Next week's prize, based on

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If you are considering making any transfers, it is worth bearing in mind that, as well as next weekend's league programme, there is a clutch of important FA Carling Premiership matches taking place

tomorrow night.

Top of the bill is the contest between Manchester United and Arsenal at Old Trafford, a match that some pundits are describing as a possible championship decider. although many of the crowd at Stamford Bridge, where an improving Blackburn Rovers team visit Chelsea, might well beg to differ.

By the way. Dennis Bergkamp and Emmanuel Petit would not be particularly good players to transfer into your team: both are suspended.

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when Leeds United travel to play Aston Villa at Villa Park.

The three Premiership games

played in the past eight days have

even West Ham United's 2-1 victory

Two of the goalscorers at Upton Park were unlikely marksmen: first

Ian Pearce, the central defender,

popped up to give West Ham the lead with a neat volley; then, after

Frank Lampard had converted a

defender. Jon Olav Hjelde, reduced the arrears when he headed in a

free kick by Pierre van Hooijdonk.

The goal was a consolation not

only to Forest but perhaps also to any Fantasy League entrant whose

team included Hjelde, scorer of

minus seven points the previous

weekend as a result of his part in

Forest's 8-1 defeat at the hands of

the No 77 bus; none for ages, then

two come along at once. Successive

Liverpool were worth six points to

anyone with Charlton defenders in

So. Messrs Royce, Tiler, Powell

and company, Fantasy League managers would like to state

unequivocally that they always

Consistency among the forwards

was harder to find, with Martin

unfortunate Dean Blackwell, of Wimbledon, scoring the goals for

knew you would come good.

Pringle, Keith Jones and the

clean sheets against Wimbledon and

Charlton Athletic victories are like

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Eliades and a King's ransom

Srikumar Sen meets the boxing promoter out to make Lennox Lewis's fortune

ew rivals of Don King have been able to out-wit him. Some promoters have come away from the negotiating table hap-py in the knowledge that they have put one over on him. In the long term, though, King

has always come out on top.

The big man met his match, however, when he came up against a little Londoner. Panos Eliades, 48, the man behind Lennox Lewis. Eliades brought King and Evander Holyfield to talks to make the contest for the undisputed world heavyweight championship between Lewis and Holy-field on March 13 in Madison Square Garden, New York, It took Eliades two years to complete the deal. At the end, for once, King had to agree to a promotion with no strings attached, forgoing his usual stip-ulation that he would gain control over Lewis's immediate future in the ring should his man, Holyfield, win.

Furthermore, the American promoter has the job of making the show a success and the more successful it is, the more Lewis will make over and above his purse of \$10 million. It is the biggest event involving a British boxer and if Lewis, the World Boxing Coun-cil champion, wins, Eliades will almost certainly become the most important man in world heavyweight boxing. Quite an achievement for an accountant who did not want to be involved in the sport just

eight years ago.
"HBO [Home Box Office] tell me I will be the most powerful man in boxing." Eliades said. "Seth Abraham [the head of Time Warner Sport, the par-ent company of HBO said: You had better leave your linsolvency] practice to your top people for the next couple of years, because you will be the most powerful man in boxing

Victory could put Lewis on the road to a fortune worth \$200 million; defeat could cost him the \$80 million he stands to make from his contract with HBO, who would have the right to tear up their deal with him. No matter how confident



Eight years ago, Eliades did not want to get involved in boxing; now he could become the most important man in the sport

Lewis is of winning his contest against the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion — and he could have made his \$80 million without facing Holyfield - he is taking an enormous financial gamble.

"It's all because Lennox wants to bring the world heavyweight title back to Britain," Eliades said. "It's a case of who dares wins. Ninety-nine per cent of fighters would pick up the \$80 million first, but that's never been Lennox's way. This step is consistent with everything he's done."

When Eliades started out in boxing, he had no idea that the sums would be so large. In 1991, he had been advised by Roger Levitt, his neighbour in North London and Lewis's former backer, to invest in Lewis. Eliades ignored him at first. It was only when Levitt mentioned it again that Eliades decided to take the risk.

"I did not want to get involved in boxing," he said. "I thought it was a bit of a sport for gangsters. Then Roger convinced me that, with a couple

of hundred thousand pounds, could make Lennox world heavyweight champion and

earn a lot of money.
"I did not tell my wife of my intentions to put in £200,000 because she said: I don't want you to invest in that type of sport. I don't want you to get

involved in shady deals. Don't "It was all done behind her

ey. When I sat down to watch that fight I said to myself: What the hell have you done? "It was not until the Razor Ruddock fight, a year and a half later, that she found out. At that time, I stood to lose

back. I invested money just be-

fore the Gary Mason fight

without realising Mason was

the favourite. Had Lennox

lost, I would have lost my mon-

Lewis, right, is taking an enormous financial gamble when he takes on Holyfield in New York next month

£1.8 million. When she saw me jumping for joy ... she knew I

looks after boxing in the after-noons and evenings. "I work four hours liquidation, 14 hours boxing a day," he said. "Financially, my business is consistent every year for the next 20 years. I can earn, say, £1.5 million every year as long as I live. With boxing, it's not consistent. I make more money than in my other job in one hit. Lennox and I could earn \$250 million with the right fights, like an Evander rematch - a |Mike| Tyson fight.

Lewis's claim to a title bout

was a little more than just a bystander."

Eliades concentrates on his practice in the mornings and

if Tyson comes back." Eliades was always confident of signing a contract advantageous to Lewis because he already had three significant victories over King. He outmanoeuvred the American in 1993 into paying well over the odds, \$12 million, to Lewis to fight Tony Tucker: then, when King was beaten in court over trying to sideline

release Tyson from the bout with him that the New Jersey court had ordered. "[Frank] Bruno received \$4 million to fight Tyson; we got \$4 million not to fight Tyson," Eliades The new contract was com-

with Tyson; finally, when King paid Lewis \$4 million to

plicated because of the num-ber of parties involved. First, Eliades agreed a deal with King, who then had to sell it to Holyfield. After the boxers had signed. King met repre-sentatives of HBO, which had guaranteed the promotion \$18 million. When they settled their side, all four groups put their signatures to one con-

"Don wants to domioate, but so do I," Eliades said. "I was successful because of my two hats. It's always good to know you don't need boxing to eat your daily meal or pay

your mortgage.
"I knew the match was going to be made eventually.

I thought at first it was a bit of a sport for gangsters?

They couldn't keep avoiding Lennox. It was only a question of when King would move and what he would want for himself. He wanted to keep Holyfield as a carrot for Tyson, but when Tyson left him, he realised he would have to come to us."

The prospect of moving into King's position in the promoters' rankings does not excite Eliades. Sitting in his boardroom in Bloomsbury Square. the London-born accountant said that he would be happy to be successful in Britain and Europe in boxing and maintain his bread and butter liquidation business.

"I can't believe I'll be bigger than King," he said. "King is King, even if he is complaining at the moment that he'll be working for The Greek' for the next ten years. He has even brought Helen of Troy and the Trojan Horse into it. 'Beware the trickeration of Greeks bearing gifts,' he claims."

Eliades smiled at the thought of the world's greatest promoter having to settle for a promotion without futures.

SNOOKER

Higgins gives masterclass in will to win

By PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS has won ten world-ranking events, in-cluding the world championship, but, by beating Ken Do-herty 10-8 in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre on Sunday night, he passed arguably his sternest examination of character.

At the end of a day when past — in the form of a parade of former Masters champions to mark the silver anniversary of the tournament — met present, Higgins underlined his credentials to be regarded as the natural successor to Stephen Hendry, his compatriot, as the most prominent

figure in snooker. On many occasions, Hig-

gins has steamrollered opponents, dominating matches and whole events from the outset. On the way to winning his world title in Sheffield ten months ago, the unassuming 23-year-old from Wishaw compiled an unprecedented 14 century breaks and was in top gear throughout.

Yet. in many respects, the manner in which victory was achieved at Wembley will provide even greater satisfaction and confidence for he won despite, by his own admission. performing well below his best. After recovering from 8-6 down and surviving a barrage of points-scoring from Doher-ty over a four-frame spell, Higgins was justifiably proud of himself. To win here is fantastic, but to get there by the route I took really boosts your self-belief," he said.

"I've been lucky enough to bave a lot of highlights over the past three or four years, but this has to be right up there with the very best of them. When my career is over, 111 look back on nights like this and remember just how good I felt."

Two years after Steve Davis evoked memories of his heyday by rallying from 8-4 adrift to beat Ronnie O'Sullivan 10-8 and 12 months on from a dramatic 10-9 win for Mark Williams over Hendry on a respotted black, the climax to the Masters again proved to

be an absorbing affair. With the exception of the

third frame, which was stolen by Higgins on the black with a clearance of 66, the opening session was somewhat low-key. It ended 4-4 and when play resumed, both players re-sponded positively to the atmosphere generated by a full house of 2,500 inside the largest auditorium to host a professional event.

Doherty, whose profile has slipped since his unexpected success at the 1997 world championship, looked set to become the first Irish winner of the Masters since Dennis Taylor in 1987 when he impressively transformed a 6-4 deficit into a 8-6 lead.

During this purple patch, Doherty compiled breaks of 90, 109, 59 and 95, but he could



Higgins: boosted self-belief

not sustain such excellence. Higgins replied with a run of 64 in the lifteenth frame and efficiently added the next three to take the trophy back to Scotland for the eighth time since 1989.

No ranking points were at stake at Wembley, but Higgins has the opportunity to exploit the injection of confi-dence administered there when be competes in the Scottish Open at Aberdeen this week, the fifth of nine worldranking tournaments during the 1998/99 campaign.

Willie Thorne, 45 next month, struck a blow for the older generation yesterday by whitewashing Andy Hicks, a former world. United Kingdom and Masters semi-finalist, 5-0 in the first round.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Sheffield forward charged

By Christopher Irvine

DARREN TURNER, the Sheffield Eagles forward, can expect no sympathy today from the Rugby Football League (RFL) disciplinary committee, which has banned him once this season and has little option but to suspend him again for a dreadful challenge on Gary Broadbent, of Salford Reds, in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie on Saturday.

Turner was sent to the sinbin in the fourth-round match. which Sheffield, the holders, lost 16-6. The RFL operational hoard viewed the incident on video yesterday and charged him with misconduct.

As he left the field, Turner made an obscene gesture to the crowd, which was picked up by the BBC cameras and for which he faces a possible separate ban for bringing the game into disrepute when the board of directors meets on Thursday to consider a formal hearing. It follows a specific warning to clubs ten days ago. after a rise in complaints about players making ges-

Turner, 25, served a onematch suspension for a reckless tackle during a pre-season match against Wakefield Trini-

ty last month. The operational board took no further action against David Wasson, of Sheffield, who was put on report for another challenge on Broadbent in the same match, but it did refer Apollo Perelini. of S1 Helens, to the disciplinary committee for an alleged high tackle in the tie at Hunslet.

A third player due before the committee today — Barrie McDermott, the Leeds Rhinos prop — can expect at least to miss the home tie with St Helens on Saturday week.

Wakefield, who will play some IJB Super League matches at Barnsley Football Club, have refused to switch the fifth-round oe on Sunday week against Bradford Bulls from their dilapidated Belle Vue ground, where they are trying to increase the 6,500

BASKETBALL

Brawl trio are punished

DERBY Storm have taken the brunt of the blame for the brawl last month that caused their Budweiser League game away to Chester Jets to be abandoned after 28 seconds. Two of their players - Yor-

ick Williams, 23, the England international, and Rico Alderson, 22, a forward from Tennessee - have been suspended until the end of the season. Shawn Hartley, 31, the Chester Jets player, who was also involved in the fighting. which took place after he and Williams had been ejected from the match, has received a seven-game ban. He will be available, therefore, for Chester's last four league

fixtures of the season. All three players were found guilty of serious misconduct by a joint commission of the English Basket Ball Association and the league. Both clubs were also fined £1,000, suspended subject to good con-duct, until the end of the sea-

Tony Ironmonger, the Derby general manager, was unBy NICHOLAS HARLING

happy at the length of the suspensions. "They are harsh," he said. "These are two young boys coming straight out of college without all the tools of life."

Six other players, three from each chib encroached on court but escaped censure. They were stepping between people, trying to be helpful." Mike Smith, the league's chief executive, said yesterday.



Donewald: bad timing

The punishment, which was decided after the commission had looked at the incident, via video, in three separate phases. will severely affect Derby's chances of capturing their first honour, the Uni-ball Trophy. As the suspensions do not come into force until next Monday, Williams and Alderson

will be able to play in the second leg of the semi-final away to Leicester Riders on Thursday, but, should the Storm retain their 13-point advantage, both players would miss the final on March 13 - assuming that any appeals are unsuc-Williams, who was hoping to play for England against

Belarus in a European championship qualifying match next Wednesday, said yesierday that he will appeal. The disciplinary measures have come at the worst

possible time for Bob Donewald, the Derby coach, who has just completed a two-game han himself and is appealing against another suspension of the same duration.

Lakers close in on Rodman

DENNIS RODMAN is close to signing with the Los Angeles Lakers and may play for the team as early as tonight, according to team

Rodman, perhaps the game's greatest and most controversial rebounder, has been absent from the National Basketball Association (NBA) since the shortened season began two weeks ago. The cross-dressing, publicity-mad Rodman played alongside Michael Jordan last year with the Chicago Bulls, the NBA champions, but the team decided not to pursue Rodman after Jordan retired.

Rodman has played in five of the past ten NBA championship-winning teams. Earlier in the season, he was linked with Orlando or Miami, but both teams eventually declined his services.

Given his mercurial temper, the Lakers probably will not count on Rodman playing for them until he is on court in

Devlin Barrett focuses on the latest

movements and results in the NBA

uniform. If he does sign

Rodman would give the Lakers. already heavy favourites to win the championship this year, a huge boost. Yet, just as one star prepares to re-enter the game, an-other has been sidelined due to injury. Charles Barkley. of the Houston Rockets, will

miss up to four weeks for surgery on his left knee.
The Rockets are one of the few teams in the NBA's lockout-shortened season that might be able to absorb the month-long absence of a key player, having just acquired

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Scottie Pippin. Jordan's other famous former team-mate. On Sunday night, the Lakers met the Indiana Pacers in

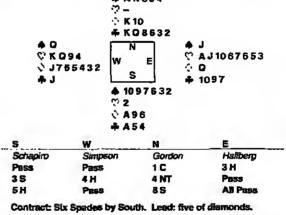
a match-up of the two teams most-picked to meet in the finals. Led by Reggie Miller, Indiana surged in the final minutes to win 101-99. Shaquille O'Neal, the Lak-

ers centre, scored 36 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, but Miller contributed 20 of his 26 points during the second half.
O'Neal said that he was unhappy with the poor start of his team. "I'm very dissatisfied. We shouldn't be 3-3," he

In Chicago, the Bulls, red-uced to Toni Kukoc and a cast of unknowns, lost 89-76 to the San Antonio Spurs. In Orlando, the Milwaukee Bucks suffered their first defeat of the season, 85-82 to the Magic. In Oakland, the Golden State Warriors notched their first win of the season, 105-100 against the Portland Trail



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT At only one of the four tables in the 1998 Gold Cup semi-final did the North-South pair reach this laydown Seven Spades.



This was the sequence when my teammates were North-South. It was suggested afterwards that North should have bid Six Hearts over West's Four Hearts. Clearly that would show a heart void and willingness to play at least Six Spades; then South might be able to value his two aces for Seven Spades. Somehow these educated sequences seem clearer after the event than at the table.

The only pair to bid the slam with any degree of confidence were John Short and Ron Oakford, for the Soper team. This was their sequence:

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Pass	Pass	1 C	3 H
35	4 H	5 H	Pass
6 C	Pass	75	All Pass
Five Hearts wa	s "Exclusion	Blackwood".	That asks South to

announce how many aces he has, excluding the ace of hearts. The first step above Five Hearts shows none, the second one and so on. Thus North-South were able to bid the slam with certainty; they had clearly done their homework on this type of auction, unlike the other three more experienced pairs.

The inter-county leams of eight championship for the Tollemache Cup was won by Hants & Isle of Wight (D.Huggett, S.Preston, D.Bird, J.Baker, A.Hughes, S.Lee, .Potrage, G. Allen, P. Goodman, M. Hill-Jones, npc S.Auchterlonie).

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

LATION

a. Movement b. Courtly obeisance A bulwark in a fosse

a. A soft wimp b. A calliper compass c. A type of moth

By Philip Howard

LAGAN a. A kind of rock b. An embroidery stitch c. Wreckage

MITCHELLA a. A tart b. A type of steel c. A trailing herb Answers on page 46

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Shirov's successes

In the wake of Alexei Shirov's press statement concerning his aborted challenge to Garry Kasparov I give today two of Shirov's wins from the recently concluded tournament at Wiik aan Zee in Holland. Shirov's style is enterprising. but he lacks solidity. In view of that, and his very poor score against Kasparov, his assertion in his press statement that "I feel ready to beat Kasparov in the match play" might be considered somewhat over-op-

timistic. Here are two of Shirov's wins from Wijk aan Zee. White: Alexei Shirov

Black: Alex Yermolinsky Wijk aan Zee 1999

Caro-K	ann Defence
e4	c6
d4	d5
e5	Bf5
Nc3	e6
g4	Bg6
Nge2	c5
h4	h5
Nf4	Bh7
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Nb5	Nc6
No.d4	Noc14
Qxd4	Ne7
Qa4+	Nc6
Bg5	Qa5+
Фиа5	Nba5
14	RcB
Bb5+	Nc6
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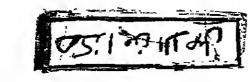
White: Alexei Shirov Black: Dmitri Reinderman Wijk aan Zee 1999 Sicilian Defence

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Midivani - Yakovleva, Israel 1998. White would like to move his knight on g7, giving a discovered check to the black king. However, at the moment, his queen is attacked. How did he resolve this dilemma? Solution on page 46



Keegan has qualities needed to revitalise **England**

By Kevin McCarra

that turned St James' Park into a cauldron. The ground.

despite the recent, modest re-

place ever since he left in 1997. His labours there are due for

reappraisal and so, too, is the

case that his critics attempt to

bring against him.
All of Keegan's weaknesses

contain merits. His actions

can be memorably thin-skinned and on one return as

a television commentator to

The Dell, where he had loaned

his distinction to Southamp-

ton in a splendid late phase of his playing career, he was de-nied entry to the car park by

an attendant. Keegan's re-

sponse was to drive off and

leave the broadcast to a hastily

be divorced from the intensity

that can enliven a club. He

brought Newcastle, and many

of its players, to a higher level

and temperamental had better

recall that he spent five years

as manager at St James' Park. Kenny Dalglish, his successor

lasted less than two and Ruud

Those who think him flighty

of consciousness.

The impetuousness is not to

suramoned replacement.

s a teenager with a part-time job in a Coventry garage, overly zealous and could not tell when to stop as he rubbed down the filler while repairing bodywork. His employers, who switched him to sweeping the floor instead, may have been the first to remark that he always goes too far. If Kevin Keegan proceeds to take the eminent post of England manager, he will find himself being chided in just those terms once again.
This is a country in which a

trace of romanticism is treated as contamination. Keegan's idealism is taken as a flaw and its capacity to enrich the game is disregarded completely. An adverse judgment was passed on him in 1996 when Newcastle United, having held a 12-point lead at one stage, were beaten to the FA Carling Premiership title by Manchester United. How galling it must be for Keegan to find himself patronised as naive

Tedious facts are soon forgotten and few are prepared to acknowledge that the greatest element of all in that duel was the 13 victories and a single draw that Alex Ferguson's side produced in their last 15 matches. The more vivid memory is of Keegan delivering that televised tirade against Manchester United. It was then, supposedly, that he lost the plot and

Keegan can, indeed, be a bothead, but it was the high temperature of his personality



Keegan in full flow during that infamous television interview in which he launched an attack on Manchester United

£15 million, but the craftiness with which Keegan manoeuvred is too often ignored.

He not only signed two valuable players, in Andy Cole and Peter Beardsley, but visualised the partnership in which each was the perfect setting for the

possessed an insight into the best deployment of men whose gifts were misunderstood. Robert Lee, a iourneyman right winger for nine years at Charlton Athletic, was given the central midfield role and went on, against all expectation, to turn

into an England

Gullit is unlikely ever to beinternational. come an honorary Geordie. Keegan's astute-Keegan began by hauling Newcastle back by their ness is underestimated. Having been rebraces as they were about to fall into the old third division. jected by Coventry City as a youngster

In his last full season, failure because he was deemed to be took the form of that barntoo small, he went on to build storming, if unavailing, as-sault on the championship. not only muscle, but also, and more importantly, his under-The costs of the transformastanding of the game. Few fortion mounted, with Alan wards have been cleverer at Shearer bought in 1996 for a then world-record fee of leading bigger opponents into areas where the advantage lay

with nimbleness and his destruction of a man-marker, the great Berti Vogts, was the key to Liverpool's triumph when they beat Borussia Mönchengladbach in the 1977 European

The years with SV Ham-

hure, where he twice won the

European Footballer of the

Year award, extended his edu-

cation. It was not blind folly

that prevented him from turn-

ing Newcastle into a cautious, dull outfit that might have

edged their way to a tropby.

Keegan possesses intelligence, but it is conditioned by his principles. None of the derision encountered has broken his belief that football should be thrilling entertainment. If that policy is now intolerable, it may be the sport, and

not Keegan, that is in difficulties. The statistics, in any case, are not quite so damning as is generally imagined. That spellbinding 4-3 defeat at Liverpool in April 1996 is viewed as proof of profliga-cy, but it is a misconception to assert that Newcastle always operated an open-door The side conceded 37 goals that season, ust two more than Manchester United.

In fairness, one cannot readily imagine him rising eagerly to spend a wet winter's morning fine-tuning his back four's offside trap. He was shrewd enough, though, to recognise the boundaries of his management style and, af-ter listening to the pleas of Darren Peacock, then centre half at Newcastle, eventually brought in Mark Lawrenson

to coach the defence. Should he follow Glenn Hoddle into the England post, Keegan will have assistants to whom he can delegate specialised duties. In any case, there is less need for a course of instruction when, for example, Tony Adams, Gareth Southgate and Sol Campbell are available to form the rearguard. England stand in need not so much of tactical refinement as of a rekindling of the imagination.

Keegan, worn down by the incessant strain at Newcastle, might relish the intermittent nature of the international programme and, as he has demonstrated at Fulham, still excels at inspiring footballers and strengthening their sense of their own worth.

To achieve that at Newcastle

in 1992, he improved facilities and began by fumigating the training ground complex. England's pristine premises are not in need of such extreme treatment, but there, too, Keegan might create a healthi-

Wimbledon search for happy ending

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IT ALL began on January 16 in a flurry of bitterness and recrimination, with David Ginola, the Tottenham Hotspur winger, falling to ground in pursuit of a penalty not once, but four times. Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, put on his most pained expression and lambasted the Frenchman for what he perceived as no more

than theatrical deceit. Part one of the five-match league and cup series be-tween Tottenham and Wimbledon, compressed into 32 days, had not made the most promising of starts. No goals, four bookings and plenty of hot air in an FA Carling Pre-miership encounter of little worthiness. Mike Riley, the referee, was not amused by Ginola's antics, either, and deemed that none of his turnbles merited a spot kick. Riley was similarly unimpressed by John Hartson's shin-gouging tackle on Andy Sinton, the Tottenham winger, and booked the Wimbledon debutant.

The fare was grim, the mood foreboding. Perhaps surprisingly, the subsequent three episodes have been acted out in a climate of mutual respect. Familiarity appears not to have bred contempt — only four more cautions have been accrued - and the fixtures, apart from Tottenham's 3-0 win in the FA Cup fourthround replay, have often lacked invention and sparkle.

Tonight, when the series concludes with the Worthington Cup semi-final second leg at Selhurst Park, it could be back to square one. Wembley beckons for the victors, after a 0-0 draw in the first leg, and neither side is likely to pass up the opportunity without the fiercest of scraps. It might not be an evening for connois-seurs of fine football or the faint of heart. Tottenham hold the psychological and statistical high ground, with George Graham's arrival as manager in October having coincided with an upsurge in

fortunes. They are unbeaten in their

feated in ten cup matches this season, having scored 25 goals. Wimbledon are without a victory in six outings and have scored only one goal in that period. Kinnear is never usually

happy unless he has something to moan about, but the injury problems afflicting his side have tested his patience to the full. A weekend away in Marlow, where his squad used the England training fa-cilities at Bisham Abbey, has hardly eased his problems. Efan Ekoku and Michael Hughes are missing tonight, while Marcus Gayle, Neal Ardley. Ben Thatcher, Carl Leaburn and Duncan Jupp are rated as doubtful. Hartson

STORY SO FAR

Jam 22: Senture N. Fre-Cope in College in Co Durin: Felb 2: White Hart Lane (FA Cup replay): Tot-terfram 3 (Striton, Nielsen), Wimbledon 0. (Skg: Jupp (W). Att. 24,049, Ref. O Gallagher

is cup-tied. Tottenham will be without Tim Sherwood and Mauricio Taricco, who are

also cup-tied.

Rarely have top-flight sides met six times in a season and the odds favour an in-form Tottenham to meet either Leicester City or Sunderland, who meet at Filbert Street tomorrow night, in the final. Wimbledon lost on away goals, after extra-time, to Leicester City in their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final at Selhurst Park two years ago. Much to Kinnear's chagrin, history may repeat itself. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (probable 4-4-2): I Walter — S Carr, S Campbell, Young, J Edinburgh — D Anderton, Netern, S Freund, D Ginola — S Ivensen,

Arsenal's strange gesture in sport where cynicism reigns

foot the bill. The cost of attending the restaged FA Cup-tie between Arsenal and Sheffield United at Highbury next Tuesday is not quite so great as they might have feared, with prices cut in half, but the gate receipts might still come to as much as £375,000, to which must be added the travel costs of visit-

ing supporters. The expense has to be incurred because Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, decided that the ignoble behaviour of his side, who took advantage of a throw-in to score when Sheffield expected to have the ball tossed back to them, meant that the game should be played again. Foilowers of Sheffield may have been placated, but there ought to be scorn of these pro-

Asked why Arsenal, if they were so repentant of their tainted 2-1 lead, could not just have stood aside and allowed Sheffield United an equaliser, Wenger decreed that such a course of action would have been absurd. Common sense, one must presume, decrees that Arsenal should have another opportunity on their own turf instead of travelling to Bramall Lane.

tt is peculiar, too, that the taking of a throw-in is now to be treated as the one pocket of sportsmanship in a hardhearted game. When the ball is put out of play by a team who have a man in need of treatment, it has, since the early Nineties, become a matter

Kevin McCarra contends that no

rules were broken at Highbury and the FA is courting popularity

In no other respect, however, is fair play given such priority. Players are not about to give up all their vices and the choirboy conduct at throw-ins is a mere gesture. The sides must face one another again because of an incident in which Arsenal breached a tacit understanding, but did not break the rules of football. In every game, far greater offences are perpetrated without there being any displays of re-

morse afterwards. It is, in fact, more offensive when a player cheats in an explicit manner. If Arsenal had gone 2-1 ahead in the tie on Saturday after Marc Over-

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of honour to return it to them. mars. say, had dived in the area to win a penalty from a deluded referee, would Wenger have recognised an even more reprehensible deed and conceded the

> pieces of sharp practice are es-tablished elements in the culture of the game. In England, the sport has been a professional one for more than 100 years and, with livelihoods at stake, men have schooled themselves in illicit wiles. A reform movement might face overwhelming odds, but at least it would mer-

it respect. The action of the FA

match? He would not have

done so because the familiar



Overmars after scoring the disputed goal that had an unprecedented sequel. Photograph: Ian Waldie

ter between Arsenal and Shef-field, however, was not the first step of a moral crusade it was a mere gesture.

It would have been in the long-term interests of football if the FA had studied that peculiar event in Arsenal's match and come up with proposals to prevent any recurrence. There is value in the idea that the guidelines applied to referee should be re-

At present, they tend only to halt the game when a play-er suffers a head knock, but officials should be encouraged to exercise discretion and stop the play whenever they deem it to be appropriate.

The authorities, having been maligned for so long, preferred to snatch at the chance of easy popularity. Tony Blair was rebuked in some quarters for popping up on daytime television to suggest to Richard and Judy that Glenn Hoddle should be removed as the England coach. Figures at the FA seem also to be in search of glib approval and a place on that coveted couch in the television

The ruling body is not sup-posed to be loveable: it is meant to act responsibly. If the FA was really to right every wrong that occurred in the harsh environment of a football march, two teams would never emerge in time to contest the FA Cup Final.

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'LIVE' WORTHINGTON CUP ACTION

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Houllier's remarks allowed to pass

FOOTBALL IN BRIEF

GERARD HOULLIER. the Liverpool manager, is expected to escape punishment over his remarks about Mike Reed, the referee. after Liverpool's 1-0 defeat away to Charlton Athletic on Saturday. Houllier was

incensed by Reed's decision to dismiss Jamie Carragher, the Liverpool defender, for appearing to elbow Martin Pringle, the Charlton forward. After the FA Carling Premiership game, he said: "I think the referee wanted Liverpool to lose, or perhaps he wanted Charlton to win . the decision was

Reed said vesterday that he would not be including the comments in his official report to the Football

Association (FA). Liverpool will be lodging an appeal and, with that in mind, Reed said that be would be prepared to look at the match video, if asked by the FA.

"But I have had no doubts

that the decision I took was

the correct one," Reed said.

■ Middlesbrough's hopes of signing Junipho slumped yesterday when Arrigo Sacchi parted company with Atletico Madrid. The favourite to replace the former Italy coach is Raddy Antic, who signed Juninho for Atlético in a £12 million

deal 18 months ago. Antic

rates Juninho highly.

Les Parris, the Portsmouth chairman, has lost his job as part of cost-cutting measures. Parris, 54, left the post yesterday, just three mooths after taking control of the Nationwide League first division club, on a day when administrators called in to run the club dismissed nine back-room and office staff. Alan Ball, the manager.

Simon Osborn. Wolverhampton Wanderers' £1 million-rated midfield player, has signed a new two-year contract at

not to sack any of his

persuaded the administrators

Molineux Osborn would have become a free agent in the simmer.

Reynald Pedros, Parma's French midfield player, has joined Sheffield Wednesday on trial. Pedros, capped 25 times, will spend a week training at Hillsborough. Parma valué Pedros, 27, at about £2 million.

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Anders Limpar, the former Arsenal and Everton midfield player, has signed a two-year contract to play for Colorado Rapids in Major League Soccer in the United States, AIK Stockholm, his former club, said yesterday. AIK said the 33-year-old went for free as we didn't want to extend his contract".

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RUGBY UNION

Pugh's vision of Europe backs English return

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

A EUROPEAN Cup expanded clubs could offer the stabilising element that rugby in the northern hemisphere so desperately requires. Vernon Pugh said yesterday. Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB), whose vision of the future has so often seemed at odds with those of English officials, said that the game would not forgive administrators who "messed up one of the golden opportunities" of the profes-

"At the moment, there is no one solid foundation to build on," Pugh said in Cardiff, although meetings this week could resolve the European impasse and he hopes that, within the next month, the future of the tournament won amid such acclaim by Ulster little more than a fortnight ago — will be assured. The latest stumbling block is an apparent difference in French proposals placed before European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC) and those discussed between representatives of France and England at a subsequent meeting.
There was also the broadest

of hints that the constitution of ERC could change in the near future and that, if agreement is reached at the next scheduled meeting of the ERC board on Friday week, a revamped European Cup will kick-start the domestic season next November, taking advantage of enhanced interest in rugby union after the conclusion of the fourth World Cup. It is envisaged that a 20-leam tournament will occupy nine weekends, running through to the start of the Six Nations Championship in 2000, with a final to be played

in May. Yet Pugh was comfortable with the concept of a 24-team competition, if that assisted England's return to the European table, with a possible reversion to 20 teams after a

season that he perceives as an opportunity for the game to experiment with fresh structures for the new millennium. The significant differences emanating from France involve fewer guaranteed places for some countries, so as to accommodate more English and French competitors: limited meritocracy in qualification for future tournaments and revised distribution of revenue.

"All these are capable of resolution and what has changed since the start of the season is that there is now a will on the part of everyone to be involved in a good-quality European competition." Pugh



Pugh: opportunity

said. "There is also an acceptance that you have to build in fundamental safeguards so that if remains truly Europe-

What with Rugby World

Cup, Europe and the new Six Nations, next season should be a sorting-out season. If there is a will for a British League, the right time to establish it is 2000-01. If you try and do it before then, you are breaking terms, conditions of participation. Next season can be used as a basis for selection. The season after would give a new tournament its own profile, not muddled by the competitions already in place.

"I have a fair understanding of what England would be totally satisfied with, but a key factor is the readiness to work from within. Without England, the tournament is sadly lacking. That was the hlight over the first year of Europe. If it had started fin 1995-96. when neither England nor Scotland competed] with all unions involved, it would have gone a long way towards set-tling the professional game." Pugh, who is also a director of ERC and was chairman of

the Welsh Rugby Union, has come under fire not only from opponents in England but within his own constituency of Wales. He speaks of inaccurate reporting of his views. which have hurt his family and friends, of "unkind and unfair personal criticisms which are not related to the issues involved. But if that's the territory in which I have to operate, it won't divert me from driving what I think is a great sport towards a properly ordered framework, for the benefit of everyone.

game, one which is fair for everyone involved. I believe the powerful have a responsibility io the weak, that there must be stability to the structures of a game discovering wealth, which simply wasn't there ten years ago." Part of that stabili-ty should stem from England, Pugh said, whose strength and seniority should make it a bedrock of the game but whose confused state over the past three years has sent ripples across the rugby world.

"I do believe in a regulated

"Some of the quiet diplomacy of the past few months should bear fruit." Pugh said. "We hope for a settled game by early April. One of the things that continues to fire my enthusiasm is that there is an increasing sense of collective re-sponsibility for developing the game and an understanding that self-interest cannot predominate against the overall interests of rugby union."



Putt, right, the London Irish scrum half, is tacked by Healey during the game at Welford Road last Saturday

Healey dropped by England

AUSTIN HEALEY faced an By MARK SOUSTER uncertain England future last night after the Leicester scrum that there had been no wilful half was cited by London intent on Healey's part. However, the statement said also Irish for stamping on Kevin Putt during the Allied Dunthat "it was considered other bar Premiership match last Saturday. Clive Woodward, actions could have been taken

to avoid the contact".

the national coach, reacted

immediately by dropping him

from the squad for the

land on Saturday.
Last night, after an emergency meeting at Welford Road, Leicester took pre-emp-

tive action by suspending Hea-

ley for 21 days, with effect

from last Saturday, However, the prospect of an 84-day sus-

pension by the Rugby Foot-ball Union looms large

should the player be found guilty by a disciplinary hear-

ing that will sit. at the earliest,

decided to temporarily leave

Austin out of the squad. The

decision has been made in the

best interests of the player and

the England squad. I will

continue to monitor events

before making any further

said that a four-man committee, which included Peter Wheeler, the chief executive of

Leicester, and Dean Richards.

the director of rugby, accepted

tres on Sunday. Smith is one of only four field event athletes in a squad of 24. The imbal-ance is due to the Internation-

al Amateur Athletic Federa-

tion's (IAAF) decision to turn

field events into straight fi-

nals, making the qualifying

standards harder than in the

Judy Oakes, the most-capped athlete in the history of

British athletics, with 83

appearances, has failed to

reach the tough standard in

A statement from Leicester

Woodward said: "I have

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nternational against Scot-

Television replays show clearly that the player's boot made contact with Putt's face. The former Natal scrum half needed six stitches in a cut above and below his right eve after the incident, which occurred in the thirteenth

minute of the game. Graham Hughes, the referee, took no against Healey because he was unsighted. Healey, 25, who maintains that the injury was caused accidentally, apologised immedi-ately after the match, but must have realised that would not be the end of the matter. Initially London Irish, who

lost 31-10, played down the incident, but, after studying the video evidence yesterday, the



Television cameras captured Healey stamping on Putt

club confirmed it would cite Healey for "allegedly stamping on the face of Kevin Putt as the latter lay on the ground after a maul. The matter is now in the hands of the relevant authorities. London Irish and Kevin Putt will not be making any further comment."

Besides disrupting his career with England, for whom he has played is times. Hea-ley would also miss a sizeable chunk of Leicester's push for the Premiership title.

David Campbell a former director of Newcastle, has confirmed that he has tabled a hid for the club. Campbell, who resigned last Thursday from the board, citing a con-flict of interest, has put together a consortium that has offered an undisclosed sum for the 76 per cent controlling interest owned by Cameron Hall, the holding company. The shareholders, who own 24 per cent and who have first refusal to buy Newcastle, have until March I to match any bid. A third offer could

also be made. John Eales, the Australia captain, may miss the World Cup, which starts in October, after damaging tendons in his shoulder while lifting weights in a gymnasium. He will see a specialist today to determine the extent of the damage.

Injury-hit Wales reconsider line-up

By MARK SOUSTER

MOUNTING injury worries have forced Graham Henry, the Wales coach, to delay naming the side to play Ireland at Wembley on Saturday. Allan Bateman was definitely ruled out with a hamstring injury sustained playing for Richmond against Sale, with Mark Taylor, of Swansea, dropped in favour of the British Lions centre against Scotland, expected to replace him.

More worryingly for Henry. who had hoped to announce the team in Cardiff yesterday. his four senior players did not train during a session that Henry closed to the public after only ten minutes. Robert Howley, the captain, has a shoulder injury, while Scott Quinnell and David Young have calf strains and Jonathan

humphreys a back injury.
In Dublin, Victor Costello
took part in training yesterday
and is expected to be included in the Ireland team announced today by Warren Gatland. Trevor Brennan, who came on as a replacement for Costello against France, is likely to be suspended today after being sent off playing for St Mary's on Saturday.

Scotland have recalled Andy Reed and Craig Chalmers to their squad for the Calcutta Cup game at Twickenham as replacements for Doddie Weir and Duncan Hodge, both of whom suffered leg injuries against Wales, Jim Telfer hinted strongly yesterday that the team to play England will be that which finished the game against Wales, with Gregor Townsend at fly half and Alan Tait at outside centre.

After the debacle Lansdowne Road, it has been confirmed there will be no Lloyds TSB centre-pitch hranding at Twickenham or Wemhley on Saturday, although logos will be in place in the ingoal areas.

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SPORT

Henman survives poor start

TENNIS: Tim Henman, the No 3 seed, recovered from a disastrous start to defeat Davide Sanguinetti, of Italy. 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the Rotterdam indoor tournament yesterday. After tamely surrendering the first set, Henman broke in the fourth game to take the second and surged into a 5-0 lead in the decider.

Sanguinetti hit back with three straight games before Henman closed out the match. Earlier, Edwin Kempes, a wild-card entry from Holland, beat Jan Kroslak, of Slovakia, 6-4, 7-6 and Roger Federer, of Switzerland, overcame Guillaume Raoux, of France. **6-7.** 7-5. 7-6.

BOXING: Joe Calzaghe learned yesterday that he did not break any bones in his hand during his successful **World Boxing Organisation** super-middleweight championship defence against Rohin Reid on Saturday night. The Welshman was hampered from the middle rounds. but yesterday: "ft's just badly swollen and hopefully it will be only two weeks at the most before it is OK for Joe to start training again."

HOCKEY: One team from outside the Women's National League premier division are guaranteed a place in the semi-finals of the English Hockey Association Cup after Chelmsford were drawn at home to Bradford in the sixth round yesterday. Clifton, the holders, travel to Leicester, while Slough and Hightown were drawn at home to Doncaster and Olton respectively.

■ CRICKET: Graeme Hick's three centuries in the triangular limited-overs international series in Australia have made him England's highest-ranked one-day batsman. The Worcestershire player has climbed 12 places to No 14 in the latest world ratings.

ATHLETICS

Smith earns leading role

FOUR days after a public squabble with British athletics over his refusal to compete in the BUPA grand prix in Birmingham on Sunday, Steve Smith was named yesterday as the Great Britain team captain for the world indoor championships in Maebashi. Japan. month. Smith's appoinment heals the sores of one controversy but highlights

Smith, the high jump bronze medal-winner at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, competed in Germany on Sunday, instead of in Britain's main promotion of the winter season. Having failed to agree financial terms, he said that Fast Track, the promotions company, was offering him 100 little, too late. However, the selectors, recognising that a row over money for a commercial meeting should not affect team selection for a championship,

gave Smith their full support.
"The team was picked purely on ability." Graham Knight, the performance direcfor for sprints and hurdles and a selector, said.

After sustaining a neck injury that briefly threatened his career. Smith was appointed non-compening men's captain for the European champi-

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

onships in Budapest last year. when Britain won nine titles and topped the medals table. "Virtually everybody associated with that team commented on Steve's ability," Knight said. 'There was never any doubt, once Steve was picked for Maebashi, that he would be the ideal man to do the job."

Smith secured his place when, in his first competitions in eight months since damaging his neck, he jumped 2.24 metres last Friday and 2.27 me-



the shot because of injury. However, she was critical of the IAAF giving preferential treatment to track athletes. She said: "I do not believe they should make these competitions elitist. Are they going to start making the Olympics elitist? They've got all the grand prix meetings for elitism."

track events.

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Illness lays Whitehead low

A MYSTERY illness yester-day forced Adam Whitehead, the European short-course hreaststroke champion over 200 metres, to withdraw from the World Cup as the series moved to Malmö, Sweden, for the eighth of 12 rounds today. Instead of heading out to

Sweden. Whitehead went home to Coventry after medical tests revealed that he may have a problem related to his central nervous system. With just six weeks remaining before Great Britain's finest breaststroke prospect since Nick Gillingham challenges for the world short-course title in Hong Kong, Whitehead

was ordered to rest. Nick Sellwood, his coach, said: "We're taking no risks. He's got a problem, he needs

By Craig Lord

some rest. We don't think it's serious, but we don't want to spoil Adam's chances in

Hong Kong." Whitehead, 18, collapsed beside the pool in Glasgow after winning his European title last December. At the time, it was thought that his condition was nothing more serious than the effects of an exceptionally hard race and nervous tension on winning his first significant international

However, back in the Tollcross Park pool in Glasgow on Saturday for the seventh round of the World Cup. Whitehead swam 4sec off his best to finish third in the 200 metres breaststroke. He un-

derwent blood tests after the final of the 100 metres on Sunday afternoon. Grey in the face and sport-

ing rings around his eyes hlack enough for him to have been taken for a boxer, Whitehead said: "I've had some medical tests since December and there seems to be some problem with my central nervous system. I've got to have some more tests. I feel okay in myself, but I'm just really tired."

In Whitehead's absence in Malmö, Britain will be looking for better things yet from James Hickman, of Leeds. Hickman, 23, is unbeaten over 200 metres butterfly since winning the world short-course title in GothenIÇE HOCKEY

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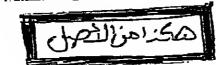


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CHANGING TIMES





Wasim is greeted by local children at practice at Eden Gardens yesterday, but his arrival has been overshadowed by fresh allegations of match-fixing

AFTER losing to India in Delhi nine days ago, Wasim Akram made two wishes. He arrived in Calcutta to discover both granted. While he knew already that two neutral umpires will officiate in the Asian Test Championship (ATC). which begins tomorrow when India take on Pakistan, he could not have imagined that his demand for a quicker pitch would be taken on board by the groundsman at Eden Gardens seemingly to the letter.

Unfortunately for the Pakistan captain, final preparations were overtaken by further allegations of match-fix-ing. Outlook, a current affairs magazine based in Delhi, has published what it claims are extracts "edited for purposes of brevity" of the depositions of to witnesses to the continuing state inquiry in Lahore. conducted by Justice Malik

Muhammad Qayyum. Javed Miandad, the r coach, Aamir Sohail, Rashid Latif and Imran Khan, former captains, and Intikhab Alam and Haroon Rashid, former managers, are among those quoted and Salim Malik and Wasim Akram, who have consistently pleaded innocence. figure large in testimony. The allegations also involve

several other players. Laof accuses Malik, also the subject of the initial allegations from Mark Waugh and Shane Warne that brought the issue to the surface. He claims which led the bowlers to bowl

Wasim's worries are off the pitch

FROM RICHARD HOBSON IN CALCUITA

that he was called to Malik's room in Christchurch before a one-day international in 1994. Latif said: "Malik told me we had to lose the match as he had struck some deal with somebody about it. I was offered ten lakh rupees jaround £15,000j by Malik. I told him t would think over the matter.

"There were also four or five other players and it was obvious that they must have been offered money. The next morning, when I took a caich off a baisman from New Zealand. Malik came to me and reprimanded me and reiterated that we have to lose the maich. "During the water break, I

told Malik I was not a party to the fixing as I decided during the ttight not to accept any money." Latif, a wicketkeeper. also claimed that Wasim was involved. He said: "In my view, no-balls and wide balls were deliberately bowled by him [Wasim]. There was an imminent threat of the match

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deliberately in a way that the scoring rate could be

Testimony from Saleem Parvez, a bookmaker, relates to the Singer Cup one-day tour-nament in Sri Lanka in 1994. He said he had paid money to players "on behalf of someone" to fix the match. Javed refused to discuss the issue yesterday. According to Outlook, he said in his deposition: "I strongly recommend that the culprits be punished sternly.
They should be banned for life and even if we have to sacrifice the whole team, we should do

TEAMS

INDIA (from): S Ramesh, V V S La-man, R Dravid, S R Tendulkar, M Azharuddin, S C Ganguly, N R Mongia, A Kumble, H H Singh, B K V Prasad, J Snnath, L R Shukla.

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PAKISTAN (from): Saeed Anwar, Sha-hid Ahdi, Ijaz, Ahmed, braamam-ud-Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Salim Malik, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushlaq, Hadeem Khan, Shoaib Akhlar.
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so in order to salvage the country and the cricket ream."

Under Pakistani law, the accused have the right to face and cross-examine their accusers at the judicial inquiry. It is now thought unlikely that Jus-tice Qayyum will be able to dis-close his findings to the Gov-erument until after the World Cup in June.

Wasim, who recently passed Imran's record of 362 Test wickets by a Pakistan bowler. declined to comment last night when he appeared at conference to promote the triangular competition, which also involves Sri Lanka.

Shaharyar Khan, the Pakistan manager, gave an official response. He said: "This is just another attempt at muck-raking. The matter is sub judice as far as we are concerned because it is the subject of a court hearing. I have talked to the players. I do not think it has had an effect. They have lived with this for so long they want to put it belilnd them. It is an

example of how Pakistan is

looking at the matter that some of the players under in-vestigation are on this tour," Meanwhile. Mushtaq Ahmed has returned home be-

cause of a neck problem to be replaced by Arshad Khan, an off-spin bowler. However. Pakistan may be tempted to in-clude another fast bowler, with Shoaib Akhtar, impressive in the three-day game against an Indian Board President's XI in Kochi last week, in that case likely to feature.

India are unhappy at the amount of grass that has been left on the pitch and both Mohammad Azharudditt, the cap-tain, and Anshuman Gaekwad, the coach, have conveyed such feelings to the ground authority. A more constructive response will be to give a debut to Laxmi Ratan Shukla, 18, a pace-bowling all-rounder who hails from Bengal.

With the crowd at Eden Gar-ens potentially the most volatile in the country, security will be just as rigorous as it was In Madras and Delhi for the thrilling drawn Test series although on this occasion spectators tiumbering at least 70.000 will be allowed to carry food and drinking water into the ground.

LINKS

WEBSITE: www-uk_cncket.org/ TELEVISION: First ONdogstal (channel 20)

TELEVISION CHOICE

It's gardening, Jim...

The infuriatingly cheerful Tessa Shaw (does nothing get on her nerves?) is back with more garden makeovers that have a lot to do with painting everything in sight in garish colours and not much about plants and flowers. The tone is set by the mediant garden designer. the resident garden designer, Diarmuid (pro-nounced Dermot) Gavin, when he says he influ-enced more by Star Trek than Sissinghurst. Some of us, if we saw Diarmuid on the horizon, would draw the curtains, lock the doors and pretend to be out. But not Annette from Neasden in North London. She has seen Diarmuid on this show before, thinks he is the tops and cannot wait to let him loose on her spacious patch that is mostly grotty lawn and weed-infested paving stones. The transformation is radical and, yes, colourful, and Sissinghurst it most definitely is not.

The Coroner Channel 4, 9.00pm

Channel 4, 9.00pm

A retired GP dies in a fire at his home, a 24-year-old man apparently hangs himself and an alcoholic is found dead by the warden of his sheltered housing. These are among the 5.000 deaths reported annually to the Birmingham City Coroner. Dr Richard Whittington. This four-part series is a documentary in the purest sense of the word, showing us in step-by-step detail how a coroner's investigation works and using actual cases to illustrate the process. The validity or otherwise of the system itself is not part of the agenda. In contrast to the fictional BBC coroner played by Amanda Burton. Dr Whittington stays in the office and leaves his staff, all former police officers, to do and leaves his staff, all former police officers, to do the lea work. This is a film partly about procedures but also about the sad human stories behind the bodies in the mortuary.

BBC2. 9_30pm

The Directors

Radio 2, 10.00pm

Much of British contemporary art may be beyond the understanding of most of the population but it enjoys a high criocal reputation and, relevant to this film, it is eagerly collected. Unlike the Antiques Roadshow the programme is coy about prices but you guess that the hobby does not come

The first series of The Directors had some revealing interviews with movie folk so it is good to

Jarvis Cocker explores the real art world in Journeys Into the Outside (C4, 11.05pm)

cheap. Why is it that the featured collectors tend to be bankers or IT managers rather than, say, schoolbe bankers or IT managers rather than, say, school-teachers? The coverage is too scattered to present any strong conclusions but along the way we get a good idea of how the art business functions and a taste of what is currently fashionable. Among those showing their acquisitions are Damien Hirst's dentist and a women who used art to get over her divorce. Hirst himself pops up to denounce art galleries and auction houses with emal venom.

Journeys Into the Outside Channel 4, 11.05pm

Channel 4, 11.05pm

When the pop star Jarvis Cocker was a student at a Londoo art school he became obsessed by the gap between the academic perception of art and everyday life. His thoughts were nourished by a book called Outsider Out which suggested that art could be made by people from all walks of life who did not think of themselves as artists. There was more to art than that which hung on gallery walls. In a three-part series Cocker sets out to substantiate the thesis, starting in France. He begins on the north coast where a priest carved more than 300 faces in the rock, tracks down a milkman who has covered the rock, tracks down a milkman who has covered his house in broken crockery, meets a Ukrainian emigre with a passion for creating structures from rubbish and ends up at a palace built single-handedly by a village postman. Peter Waymark

RACIO CHOICE

The Brits 99 Live

revealing interviews with movie folk so it is good to see it back, starting tonight with Robert Redford in conversation with the presenter Mark Kermode. Redford comes across, not unexpectedly, as a thinking man with some clear ideas as to what movies ought to be achieving. His first experience as a director, the 1980 picture Ordinary People, came about because: "I'd done too many films where I was at the mercy of a director who I feh didn't get it, or had a different view than I did... you give yourself to a director and they put it in a different context than you were expecting. That begins to build up a frustration. I thought, wait a minute, this is no good, do it yourself."

Mary Arme Hobbs will doubtless work up her usual enthusiasm in presenting four hours (yes. four bours) of live coverage from the London Arena, where half the guesswork will surround who wins and the other half will concern which pop icom will do this year's impromptu audition for Men Behaving Badly. But the Brit Awards are a useful primer as to what's up and what's not in contemporary music. Robbie Williams, as if you hadn't guessed, is the most-nominated singer this hadn't guessed, is the most-nominated singer this year. The other coveted award is for Best New-comer, for which the leading nominees include Billie, Another Level, Gomez and Propellerheads. shall be supporting Gomez on the grounds that I have beard of them. Peter Barnard

BBC WORLO SERVICE

5.00em The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Outlook 7.55

RAOIO 1 (BBC)

6.30cm Zoe Ball 9.00 Mark Goodler 12.00pm Kevin Greening 2.00 Mark Radciffe 4.00 Chins Moyles 5.46 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 The Brits 99, See Choice 12.00cm The Breezeblock 2.00 Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Mits

RADIO 2 (BBC)

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RAOIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 Breakfast with Julian Worricker and Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 New Campbell 12.00pm The Midday News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Edz. A full found-up and the mein sports bulletin of the day 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Winbledon v Tottenham Hotspur. Coverage of the Worthington Cup semi-linal second-leg metch 10.00 Late Night Live with Nick Robinson 1.00mm Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00em The Big Boys Breakdast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00pm My Favourite Year 1.00 Anna Rasbum 3.00 Peter Deeley 5.00 The SportZone 7.00 Eubank's People 8.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Colins and the Creatures of the Night

VIRGIN

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CLASSIC FM

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Flintoff's progress fits the bill

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN BULAWAYO

AFTER the successful negotiation of the international series. England A turn their attention today to the first of three one-day matches against Zimbabwe A. For Darren Maddy, the game at the Queens Sports Club here may be the last opportunity to influ ence his chances of inclusion in the World Cup.

Only Flintoff and Maddy on this A tour were named in England's provisional 30 for the tournament, a squad that is due to be reduced to 19 later this week and, finally, to 15 by the end of March.

Of the two. Flintoff is the more realistic to make the final cut, particularly now that he is bowling again, relatively free from the back pain that at times last season saw him unable to train and harely able to bat. The difference has been the loss of almost ten kilograms in weight and an intensive programme with Ann Brentnall, the A tour and Derbyshire physiotherapist.

"She's been doing stabilising work with me and it's got me bowling again," Flintoff said. "It's a different outlook: she's fresh, never having met me before. Every morning. she gives me rubs and we do work trying to strengthen the bottom of my back, not just the big muscles."

So far. Flintoff has completed 45 overs in matches on tour, with only minor stiffness the following mornings and with none of the pains that he describes as "like a dagger in the lower back". Consequently. England A have been able to field a balanced attack, playing both spinners.

Dawson's delivery decisive in victory

WELLINGTON (final day of three): England Under-19 beat Weilington Emerging Players 5: 90 runs

IN AN ideal world. Richard Dawson, the Yorkshire off spinner, might have been eiven a rest for this match, considering his painfu) left thumb and the 160-odd overs that he has bowled on this lour so far (John Stern writes).

However, there were no complaints from Dawson or any of his England Under-19 team-mates after he took seven wickets for 44 to complete a 96-run victory four days before the decisive third international match against New Zealand in Alexandra.

The two captains decided to contrive a run chase in this game in order to sustain waning interest in the proceedings. Wellington declared on 314 for four. 106 behind England. who shuffled their batting order and lost six wickets in selting their hosts a target of 249 in a minimum of 61 overs.

While Suresh de Silva, a wristy right-hander, was at the crease, driving and cutting with ease, the target was within reach. When he swept Dawson to deep square, the ride began to turn. A variety of slogs and diffident defensive shots confronted Dawson, who was extracting some turn and

bounce on a sluggish wicket. Only Scott Golder, who has played for the Wellington senior side, had much to say for himself, hitting two sixes and seven fours in his 41.

Scoreboard, page 45

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 43

LATION (a) The action of moving, or the motion of a body from one place

to another. Motion of translation. From the Latin (extremely) irregular verb. fero. I bear, ferre, tuli, latum. 1690: "The Mundane System is consider'd having the Sun in the Centre, exempt from any motion of Lation."

(b) An instrument consisting of a pair of compasses, one leg of which is fashioned like the leg of a pair of callipers. "It is a cross. in fact, between compass and calliper, and its character of cross breed got it originally the name of hermaphrodite, which was corrupted into mophrodite, which has been shortened into moff."

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(c) Goods or wreckage lying on the seabed. Cf. flotsam and jetsam. Perhaps of Scandinavian origin. "Prowling about the shore after the waifs of the storm, deserted jetsam and lagan."

(c) A genos of trailing evergreen herbs of the order Rubiaceae. A

plant of this genus, eg Mitchella repens, the partridge-berry,

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE 1 Bg6+! Nvg6: 2 Nf5+ Kf8: 3 Qg7 checkmate

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawny, includes a review of Welsh National Opera's new production of

of Welsh National Opera's new production of Britten's Peter Grimes

9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Thomas (Overture: Mignon): Pouleric (Flute Sonata); Mignat (Piano Quartet in Giminor, K478)

10.30 Artist of the Week: Appheel Waltiflech

11.00 Sound Stories: Edites Mary, Queen of Scots

12.00pm Composer of the Week: Dvorek

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from Broadcasting House, Belfast. Renaissance and Barroque music for corriett and keyboards given by Jeierny West and Timothy Roberts

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth, Anne Evans, soprano Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished), Berg (Seven Early Songs); Shostakowch (Symphony No 7, Lenngrad)

4.00 Volces (f)

Shostakovich (Symphony No 7, Leningrad)
4,00 Volces (r)
4,45 Music Machine 1998 Montreux Jazz Festival (r)
5,00 In Tune with Sean Raffery Music includes
Waxman's Carmen Fantasy
7,30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century)
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in the Birmingham Conservatione Haydh (Sonata
in 8 minor, H XVI 32); Schumann (Kinderszenen,

Op 15); Beethoven (Sonata in C, Op 53, Waldstein) 8.25 A Sound Read. Ivan Hewett is joined by the playwight and poet Michelene Wandor and by the author Philip Hansher to review recently published books on music 8.45 Concert, part two Liszt (Sonata in B minor) 9.40 Postscript: Aria P (2/5) 10.05 Lifster Orchestra under Vernon Handley Busoni (Berceuse Elegiaque); Suit (A Fairy-Tale Suite) 10.45 Night Warves Richard Coles lalks to researchers from science and philosophy about their different approaches towards the nature of human conscousness

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11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents the first of a two-part concert by the Diana Krall Tho recorded at the 1998 Wigan International Jazz Festival

12.00am Composer of the Week Telemann (r)

1.00 Through the Night Includes 1.00 Beethoven (Symphony No 8) 1.35 Goldmark (String Quartet, Op 5) 2.00 Handel (Sonata in C. Op 1 No 7) 2.15 Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2) 2.40 Brahms (Symphony No 1) 3.35 Gabriel Charpentier (Messe pour Vox Egales) 3.45 Rautio (Piano Concerto No 2) 4.20 Purcell (King Arthur, excs) 4.35 Martin (Mass for two choirs) 5.00 Falla (Three Spanish Songs)

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today News and issues in rural Britan, preserved by Charlotte Smith creserved by Charlotte Smith

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9.45 (FM) Serial: Planet of the Blind (2/5)

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11.00 Nature Julian Hector marvels at the residence of the Blind (2/5)

ine world's ducks (i)

11.30 Coming Alive Terry and Sleve attempt to bring focal terret to the community centro — with help from an unexpected source. Karl Howman, Phyllis Lonan and Ben Crowe star.

12.00pm (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast.

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1.00 The World at One with Nich Clarke

1.30 My Mistress Music Luce Skeaping explores the
like of Netcon's companion Emma Hamilton (3/5) 2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (f)
2.15 Afternoon Play: From Galvey to Graceland by

2.15 Afternoon Play: From Galway to Graceland by Sue Teddem, based on a song by Richard Trompson. An inch girl sels out on a pilgrimage to Elypt's Graceland resting place.
3.00 The Exchange 0870 010 0444 Eddie Marrasses isleners opinions of a topical issue.
3.30 Science in the Attile Stan Becaley and John Wilde examine the Rora of Belfast (2/5) (f).
3.45 This Sceptred Isle Anna Massey harrales part 32 of the history of Britain.

4.00 The Learning Curve The Times columnist Libby Purves presents the education guide
4.30 Shop Talk Business matters, presented by Heather Payton
5.00 PM with Clare English and Chris Lowe
6.00 Sbx O'Clock News
6.30 Mammon New series A satincal spin on the world of money and the media by Nick Hikked. Hugh Rycrott and David Spicer (1/6)
7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Park Media Level 1

7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson presents the nightly arts

programme
7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Environmental drama.
Broadcast earlier as part of Woman's Hour [i]
8.00 File on 4 Jenny Cuffe reviews important issues at home and abroad
8.40 In Touch Peter White presents news for visually impaired menute. impaired people

9.00 Behind the Brain Geoff Watts delves into the

9.00 Behind the Brain Geoff Watts delves into the mystery of human consciousness (3/4)
9.30 Unreliable Evidence Broadcast earlier ()
10.00 The World Tonight Presented by Jushn Webb
10.45 Book at Bedfilme: Poet Capitain Patrick
Malahide reads part two of Patrick O'Brien's historic seetaring novel
11.00 Late Night on 4: Angus Deayton's History of Alternative Comedy A celebration of black cornedy, learning Dick Gregory, Felix Dexter and Curtis Walker (3/4)
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Updale from Westminster

Westminster
11.30 (FM) Talking Pictures Weekly guide to films and film-going, with Brian Sibley
12.00 am News 12.30 The Late Book: All Points
North Poet Simon Armitage reads his senes of wive reports on life in his home village of Marsden, in West Yorkshire (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Country living is not for the faint-hearted

The country is a great place to live, which is easy to say providing you don't actually have to live there yourself. in truth, living full-time in the country can be scarier than waking up and finding out you've spent the night with Peter Stringfellow. It may even be scarier than

waking up and finding out that you are Peter Stringfellow. Documentaries about guns in Moss Side and drugs in King's Cross create the impression that cities are Britain's crime magnets, but the spookiest crimes take place where there's nothing but wheatfields and farm animals as far as the eye can see (some of those crimes might actually involve farm animals). The latest evidence comes in Forgotten (ITV), a classy three-part psychological thriller starring Amanda Burton, Paul McGann and Zara Turner. Murder, deceit and obsession bave been tautly woven together by

Caleb Ranson, making his debut as a television writer. Ben Bolt, directing, has milked it for mys-

tery.
Burton descends on a Cotswold hamlet the same day as a young girl is murdered in the woods. The bed and breakfast she checks into is run by McGann, who has served a jail term for the murder of Burton's daughter — a crime which he may or may not have committed: the body, like Kenneth Starr's charm, has never been found. He has since rebuilt his life: wife, child, a new name. But Burton has tracked him down and now threatens to cause havoc by exposing his secret past unless he confesses where her daughter's body is buried. McGann, still proclaiming his innocence, says he doesn't know. See how spooky the country gets?

Burton has a tough act to follow in Glenn Fatal Attraction Close. but pulls off the trick of maintaining a normal exterior that only occasionally betrays hints of the possibly psychotic menace be-neath. She keeps us guessing as to whether she is just trying to exorcise her own ghosts, or whether sbe is a nutter (nutter, I'd say).

cGann, too, hints at something hidden — a secret which may well be dark and horrid. Or maybe he is in the same position as The Fugitive, a man torn between insisting "It wasn't me" on the one hand, and never bringing up the subject on the other. Zara Turner plays a familiar role; the sweet, supportive, reliable sidekick/wife/ friend (she was a pathologist along-side John Hannah in McCallum, went along with husband Martin Clunes's desire to experiment with wife-swapping in Touch and Go, and was Gwyneth Paltrow's dependable friend in Sliding Doors). She is very good, very



watchable, but she's got this kind of role off pat. What about playing Sally Bowles in Cabaret next? Further evidence of the dangers

lurking in the countryside came in The League of Gentlemen (BBC2), which ended its first run of six programmes leaving us looking forward eagerly to their return for a new series, but also convinced us that remote spots like Royston Vasey - inhabited by

people such as Uncle Harvey, the disastrous vet Mr Chinnery, a dodgy butcher and the transsexual cabbie Barbara, many of whom may have had oatmeal surgically inserted into their brains — are "local" places, for "local" people, as the local shopkeepers Tubbs and Edward would say.

London's green commons are the metropolitan equivalents of the countryside, only compressed into smaller areas — a genetically mu-taled bonsai countryside, which occasionally results in warped forms of human activity. In Cutting Edge: Clapham Common (Channel 4), Paul Wivell avoided the temptation to focus purely on the thickets of gay men cruising for anonymous sex by moonlight, or lingering too long on what Ron Davies might or might not have been doing there last autumn, or on painting the common as solely a freaks' gallery of loopy loners an impressionistic portrait of a patch of London which many call home because often it may be the only home they know

t's a magical place, and magical things happen here," were the first words we heard, spoken by a man on the prowl for a stranger. But the most magical thing that seemed to be happening was the regular daily gethering of men and women who have nowhere else to pass the time. So they cruise by night, or sip tea in the cafe, where the shelves are so bare - a few crisps, some Kil-Kats - that you'd think the place had just been burgled. "Man is a herd animal," sighed one of the old men, returning home because the case had shut for the night. "We're not meant to be alone." And yet most of these people — there were exceptions: a dancing couple, footballers, families playing - were

among crowds, or sweaty with sex. "I've never met anyone who is not a romanoc," said a young man. waiting to be picked up by someone whose name he would never find out. "It's not having sex with somebody, it's having that closeness with somebody you can wake up with and be glad you're waking up with." The haunting sound track and the grainy green images created by night-filming reinforced the impression of people whose lives are somebow not fully

Wivell turned what could have been a smirking gawp into a sympatheoc, often amusing film, which suggested that Clapham Common - much like the world beyond — is a place where individ-uals fuse and collide more or less randomly, eking out happiness where they can find it. I blame all that spooky greenery. You certainly wouldn't eatch me on it.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (12790) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (65719) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8956177)

9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (4282852) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (6427516)

11.00 Change That New series (6437993) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (6334852)

11.55 News; Weather (T) (1524239) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (36158) 12.30 Wipeout (4667041) 12.55 The Weether Show (T) (48153603) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (68806)

1.30 Regional News; Weather (47702871) 1.40 Neighbours Hannah bids farewell to Erinsborough (T) (25698326)

2.05 Ironside The Chiel investigates murder of a musician (r) (3818887) 2.55 Body Spies (5162177) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6085806)

3.45 The Enchanted Lands: The Adventures of the Wishing Chair (2875210) 3.50 Hububb (5787622) 4.10 Chipmunks Go to the Movies (3297516) 4.35 The Really Wild Show (5777871) 5.00 Newsround (2224239) 5.10 Grange Hill (6869581)

5.33 Rewind (T) (974055) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (386500) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (535)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (887) 7.00 Hollday Jill Dando is in Malaysia and Kate Humble rides her bike through India (1) (8784) 7.30 EastEnders Conor confides in Phil about

Ruth's pregnancy (T) (871) 8.00 Holby City Nick's priorities are called into question (T) (5351)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (T) (7603) 9.30 Workers at War Disgruntled former

employees tell their stories (T) (74806) 10.00 Inside Story The effects of America's gun culture on youngsters (T) (848210)



Clint Eastwood stars as a prisoner determined to escape (10.55pm)

10.55 Escape from Alcatraz (1979) A convict makes a daring attempt to break out of the high-security prison. Starring Chrit Eastwood and Patrick McGoohan.

Directed by Don Siegel (T) (80924581) alternots to common a jail sentence 12.40am Convict Cowboy (1995) A tough attempts to prevent a naive inmate from failing in with the wrong crowd. With Jon Voight Rod Holcomb directs (2598098) 2.10 Weather (7716007)

2.15 BBC News 24 (52846388)

WALES 9.30 Week In, Week Out (T) (74806) 10.00 The Next Files (3/5) (618993) 10.10 Workers at War (T) (713887) 10.40 Inside Story (5/5) (T) (284603) 11.35 Fil.M: Escape from

Alcatraz (T) (645516) 1.20am FTLM: Convict

Cowboy (8944299) 2.50 News Headlines (T) (4162727) 2.55 BBC News 24 (72024630)

7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: The Little Polar Bear (3040326) 7.05 Teletubbles (6968968) 7.30 Snorts (5778041) 7.50 Blue Peter (6723055) 8.20 Taz-Mania (7902516) 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts (3981264) 8.50 Oakie Doke (3987448) 9.00 German Globo (6062887) 9.05 Hallo aus Berlin (6061158) 9.10 Working it Out (9334595) 9.25 Techno (4628784) 9.45 Numbertime (1881061) 10.00 Teletubbies (29429) 10.30 Watch (2715055) 10.45 Teaching Today (581177) 11.15 Mega-maths (7965626) 11.35 Words and Pictures (8597806) 11.50 History File

(8401055) 12.10pm Engish Express (9471784) 12.30 Working Lunch (39784) 1.00 Cakla Doke (94136993) 1.10 The Travel Hour The delights of the Basque country (r) (9727055) 2.10 Sporting Greats (61946264) 2.40 News: Weather (T) (3135142)

2.45 Westminster (T) (2682784) 3.25 News; Weather (1) (1903662) 3.30 Awash with Colour (993) 4.00 Kaye Advice show (6166177) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (8169264)

4.55 Esther Mothers-in-law (T) (3403245) 5.30 Today'a the Day (T) (264) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Carlton and Will go camping (r) (T) (335622) 6.25 Hearthreak High Sarah has a shock in

store for Ryan (T) (582245) 7.10 The O Zone Jayne Middlemise meets Britney Spears I (T) (340974)

7.30 From the Edge A look at Issues affecting disabled people (T) (413) 8.00 University Challenge Oriel College Oxford v Manchester University (T) (8974) 8.30 Rick Stein's Seafood Odyssey The chel journeys to Thalland (T) (4581)

9.00 CHOICE Home Front in the Garden New series in which garden designer Diarmuid Gavin offers tips on creating a horticultural haven (T) (5245)



Damien Hirst offers his views on galleries and auctions (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE Close Up New series. Collectors of confernporary art discuss their reasons for buying such controversial pieces (T) (156448) 10.20 Coming Clean: The Truth About Housework (T) (142055)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (516546) 11.15 Seinfeld George mixes business with pleasure (T) (967041)

11.35 The Larry Sanders Show Arthur loses an expensive gift (T) (981429) 12.00am Despatch Box (82140)

12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Living with Technology 1.30 Traps and How to Get Out of Them 2.00 Schools: Special Needs — Ghostwriter 4.00 Languages: Suenos World Spanish 5.00 Business and Training: Career Moves 5.45 Open University: Pilgrimage — The Shrine at Loreto 6.10 Frederick the Great

5.30em ITN Morning News (52852) 6.00 GMTV (2913018)

9.25 Trisha (T) (5316603) 10.30 This Morning (T) (11340210) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7926239) 12.30 FTN Lunchtime News (T) (76210) 1.00 Shortland Street Johnny makes a

1.30 Home and Away What is Robert up to? (T) (75581) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (5661142)

2.45 Supermarket Sweep (T) (851448) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (3703644) 3.20 HTV News (T) (6953167) 3.25 CITV: Cartoon Time (4579790) 3.50 The

Wombles (2881871) 4.00 Rupert (8153603) 4.25 Mike and Angelo (3114239) 4.50 How 2 (7491852)

5.10 A Country Practice Ian MacIntyre impresses Darcy (9009871) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (1) (780149) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (705016) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (339448) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (T) (770968) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (598784) 6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (T) (555)

7.00 Emmerdale Chris tries to make Kathy jealous (T) (3852) 7.30 WEST: West Eye View A report on a new nationwide initiative aimed at raising awareness of the dangers to children

from paedophiles (239) 7.30 WALES: Fishlock's Wild Tracks The Vale of Glamorgan (T) (239)



Tottenham Hotspur's Chris Armstrong and David Ginola (8pm)

8.00 The Big Metch - Live! Wimbledon v Tottenham Hotspur in the Worthington Cup semi-final second-leg (kick-of 8.05pm), Bob Wilson presents the action from Selhurst Park. In the event of extra time, subsequent programmes are subject to change (T) (1535)

10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (59055) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (474429) 10.40 The Real Life Monty Six male strippers from Essex (T) (292622)

11.40 WEST: Pleasure Guide Regional entartainment magazine (815974)

11.40 WALES: Anatomy of Disaster Intense storms and immense waves (312245) 12.10am Tales from the Crypt A plantation owner uses a voodoo potion to ensnare a rich heiress. Spooky story, with DW Moffett and Pamela Gten (r) (6874340)

12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5486307) 1.10 Highlandar An evil Immortal threatens to bring anarchy to Europe (r) (7800388) 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles With Texan singer

songwriter Lyle Lovett (7600036) 2.35 Wish You Were Here? (r) (T) (8641889) 3.05 Judge Judy (T) (55356104) 3.25 Football Extra Football

highlights (r) (6863982) 4.20 Coach Hayden tries to reason with Luther (39339833) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (1575307)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except. 12.20pm-12.30 Central News; Weather (T) (8318871) 1.00 Heart of the Country (1/18) (I) (T) (53974) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (1585332) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (1) (852177) 3.20-3.25 Central News (1) (6953167) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9009871) 6.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (1) (770968) 7.30-8.00 Landiadles (1) (239) 10.30-10.40 Central News; Weather (T) (474429) 11.40-12.40 Renegade (312245) 2.55am Judge Judy (T) (3893833) 3.15 Football Extra Ir) (6872630) 4.10 Central Jobfinder '99 (T) (4057807) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (7227272)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except 12.15pm-12.27 Westcountry News; Weather (T) (7926239) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (8499790) 1.00 West Country (5/6) (T) (239) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (1) (474429) 11.40-12.40 An Audience with All Saints

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News; Weather (7926239) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (T) (9009871) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (T) (603) 6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefs (5/10) (555) 7.30-8.00 Wildlife SOS (239) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News; Weather (7) (474429) 11.40 Cyber Cafe (615974) 12.10am-12.40 Hope and Gioria (6874340) 5.00-5,30 Freescreen (T) (25949)

ANGIJA

As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8400806) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (8318871) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1) (9009871) 5.59 Anglia Weather (1) (705018) 6.00 Anglia News (1) (603) 6.30-7.00 About Ang8a (555) 7.30-8.00 Liza's Country (5/5) (239) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (415413) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather (1) (474429) 11.40 Go Fishing with John Wilson (J (615974) 12.10am-12.40 Hope and Gloria

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CHANNEL 4 5.40am Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3755790)

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1.30 The Ocean World of John Stonemar Changes in the environment (T) (79351) 2.00 Travelog Treks (T) (35173871) 2.10 The Mark of Zorro (TVM 1974) Remake of the 1940 classic, with Frank Langella.

Don McDougall directs (1) (3181513)

3.30 Collectors' Lot A collection of candle snuffers (T) (531) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (968)

4.30 Countdown (T) (5761210) 4.55 Ricki Lake Teens who suffer from obesity (T) (3325413) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (332)

6.00 Dishes Dating show with a culinary theme (T) (245) 6.30 Home improvement After a cruel Hallowe'en trick, Tim and Jill wreak revenge on Brad and Randy (T) (697) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (804784)

7.50 Zoom Donald Christie meets menswer designer Jett Griffin (T) (493210) 8.00 Brookside Tim tries to convince DS Rose of his annocence (T) (7582)

8.30 Carry On Snogging A light-hearted look at the social and sexual changes which occurred during 20 years of Carry On ilms (r) (T) (2177)

9.00 CHOICE The Coroner New series. The work of the Birmingham City Coroner's office (1/4) (2697)



The late Dermot Morgan stars in a comedy double bill (10pm)

10.00 Father Ted The priests organise a raffle (r) (T) (57697)

11.05 CHOICE Journeys Into the Outside with Jarvia Cocker The Pulp Irontman explores the extraordinary architecture of France (1/3) (T) (586185) 12.05am L.627 (1992) Documentary-style

Bertrand Tavernier (74375307) 2.45 Aux Yeux du Monde (1991) A youth who can't aftord to visit his griffrend hijacks a school bus and sels off to see

her. French drama, starring Yvan Altal. Directed by Eric Rochant (904104)

10.30 Father Ted An Important ceremony looms (r) (T) (449603)

drama charting a Pansian cop's efforts to crack down on drug dealers. Directed by

4.35 Aristophanes: The Gods Are Laughing Drama based on the lila of the

CHANNELS TO

6.00am 5 News and Sport A round-up of current events (6367210) 7.00 WideWorld Part three. How chemistry has played a part in creative human endeavour (r) (T) (6805351)

7.30 Milkshakel (1490185)

7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (3067177) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4833351) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) |4832622)

9.00 Instant Gardens (r) (T) (1532158) 9.25 Russell Grant's (7267429) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6830413)

10.20 Sunset Beach Sean tells Emily he loves her (T) (1910806) 11.10 Leeza (4329429)

12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (4730210) 12.30 Femily Affairs Roy abducts Claire (r) (T). 5 News Update (8782784)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Brooke demands the truth about Taylor and Ridge (T) (6804622)

1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment and chai; 5 News Update (8781055) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5937784)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, 5 News Update (1653264) 3.30 Once Upon a Family (1980) A selfish lamily man's wife walks out, leaving him to face up to his latherly responsibilities. Drama, starring Barry Bostwick, Directed by Richard Michaels (T) (9574326)

5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T); 5 News Updale (6144167) 6.00 100 Per Cent Quiz (6267429)

6.30 Family Affairs Cat ponders Dave's sudden lack of Interest (T) (6178581) 7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (5931500) 7.30 Champions of Nature New wildlife documentary senes locusing on biologists and animal activists around the world who have dedicated their lives to the study of endangered species. The opening programme takes viewers to the Bahamas, where Sam Gruber and Tim Caiver have lounded the world's first shark conservation programme (1/12) (T); 5 News Update (6270993)

8.00 The Other Mother (1995) Awoman who feels she's reached a crossroads in life sets out to find the son she gave up for adoption years earlier, hoping that being teunited with him will give her new purpose. Drama based on a true story, starring Frances Fisher, Cornie Clark, Deborah May and Cameron Bancroft.

Directed by Bethany Booney (T); 5 News Update (32383429) 9.50 Diffinger (1973) Director John Milius's powerful account of the notonous Depression-era gangster's brief, bloody career and eventual death at the hands of the law enforcement agent Melvin Purvis. Warren Oates, Michelle Phillips and Ben

Johnson star. Directed by John Milius (T); 5 News Updata (2337718) 11.50 The Jack Docherty Show With guesis

Lorranie kelly, Tony Blackburn and Adam Bloom (7720448) 12.30am Live and Dangerous (34364833) 3.45 Asian Footba0 Show (3124901) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H Judy receives

bad news and Rachel takes over in the krichen (1707843) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (9722340)

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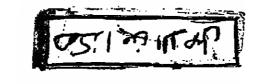
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Talks over England job to resume

Keegan torn between club and country

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

KEVIN KEEGAN has asked for more time to consider the Football Association's offer to make him manager of England and made it clear that he would only do the job on his own, well-defined terms.

Keegan held a two-hour meeting with Noel White, the chairman of the FA's international committee, and David Davies, the executive director, close to his home near Newcas-tle yesterday afternoon after Mohamed Al Fayed, the Fulham chairman, had given them permission to speak to

As Davies and White flew back to London from the North East 10 weigh up their position, leaving Keegan to dis-cuss the offer with his family, the FA released an official statement that described the meeting as "amicable", "They will be speaking again within 48 hours," it said, "The FA are still considering all the

If things go smoothly, Keegan could be announced as the successor to Glenn Hoddle tomorrow, but it is still a distinct possibility that the Ful-ham manager could turn the FA down flat. Keegan has been at pains to emphasise his emotional attachment to Fulham and the loyalty he feels to the club's supporters, who begged him to stay yesterday. It may be that those pleadings persuade him to forsake his

It soon became clear, too. that there was a harder subtext to the amicability involved in negotiations yesterday. Keegan knows that he is in a strong position at the head of a very short shortlist and he is not about to surrender it lightly. He is thought to be particufarly keen to limit the powers of Howard Wilkinson, the FA technical director, who is seeking to broaden his role and become director of football. with overall responsibility for the under-21 and full national

In Wilkinson's scheme of things. Keegan would be in an essentially subservient position as national coach. He is unlikely to tolerate that and it is probable that he has asked the FA thar Wilkinson should be kept away from England training sessions at Bisham Abbey. He would certainly not be pre-pared for Wilkinson to sit on England bench



Wilkinson: ambitions

Gérard Houllier used to do as the technical director of France. Keegan is not that sort of character. For all his bonhom-ie, his articulacy and his charm, he is a ruthless, driven man who would not brook any significant interference. Wilkinson, though, is intent on seizing his own opportunity to establish an extended power base and Davies and White have found themselves thrust into the epicentre of a classic political struggle to establish respective boundaries before

Keegan commits to the job. Keegan is also keen to be

The other big sticking point, though is likely to be his determination not to sever his links with Fulham. The FA has already reluc-tantly accepted that, if he takes the bait, Keegan will take charge of the next four internationals - against Poland, Hun-gary, Sweden and Bulgaria on a part-time basis. flitting between Bisham and Craven Cottage, trying to resuscitate England's bid to qualify for the 2000 European champion-ship and ensure Fulham's pro-

given permission to appoint

his own No 2, a right-hand man to help him with coach-

ing and give him a ready-

made ally at Lancaster Gate.

League first division. They will have to iron out difficulties, such as the fact that Fulham have a crucial league match against Walsall on March 27, the same night as the qualifying tie against Poland, but it is also thought that Keegan might try to insist that he retains his links with the club the following season too, to complete the job of steer-ing them into the FA Carling Premiership.

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That would not be unprecedented. Oleg Romantsev com-bines his duties as Russia coach with managing Spartak Moscow and Wanderley Luxembourgo, the coach of Brazil, no less, has insisted on staying on with Corinthians in an advi-

sory capacity. Whether the FA would be prepared to accept such an arrangement is open to doubt. If England were not to fare well against Poland, for instance - David Batty, the Leeds United midfield player. ruled himself out of contention for that match yesterday because of a rib injury - one can imagine only too vividly the howls of anger about having a part-time coach, about how England needs someone working flat out to revive the nation's fortunes.

Keegan, a man with a notoriously thin skin when it comes to criticism, might find that hard to deal with. It is also worth considering the fact that Keegan's duties as Fulham coach will hardly give him an insight into the form of England's best players, the vast majority of whom do not play

in the Nationwide League. Keegan values time spent with his family and hurries back to them after every Satur-

evin Keegan for Eng-land? What are we

afraid of? Keegan was



day game. As England coach, his Sundays would surely be spent waiching Premiership football. It is important for both sides that all these points are resolved before, not after. Keegan takes the 'on. After the messy departure of Hoddle.

neither the FA nor the country

can afford the next appointment to end in early, acrimonious failure.

Given the regrettable fact that Terry Venables, the players' choice, is not acceptable to White, Keegan is the best man for the job. But be is an emoconal, volatile, essentially vulnerable character. The conditions of acceptance that he and the FA will struggle over today need to be absolutely right if be is to be given the framework that he needs to succeed. He holds the whip hand.

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Half-price concession t for Cup rematch at Highbury

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

TICKET prices for the FA Cup
fifth-round rematch between
Arsenal and Sheffield United
at Highbury on February 23
have been halved. The Arsenal
directors, who met yesterday,
have ruled out suggestions
that the proceeds from the
game should go to charity.
Although Arsenal won the
original tie 2-1 on Saturday,
the winning goal, from Marc
Overmars, was bothy disputed
by Sheffield players, who contended that Overmars and
Nwankwo Kanu had taken un-

Nwankwo Kanu had taken unhwankwo kanu had daken in-fair advantage of a throw-in conceded by Alan Kelly, the United goalkeeper, who had kicked the ball into touch to al-low Lee Morris, a tearn-mate, to receive treatment.

Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, immediately offered to replay the fixture, a move swiftly sanctioned by the Foot-

ball Association.
"It was decided that any concessions should go to the supporters," an Arsenal spokeswoman, said. "We will now be selling the tickets at half the

Kevin McCarra

move. "Supporters have got a new game, so it can't really be for free," he said. "Half-price is right. Clubs have a responsibility to all people who love football and I think we have

shown that responsibility."
Wenger added his support to calls for legislation to be introduced to plug the apparent loophole exposed by the ex-traordinary incident at High-bury. "You have to keep to the values that you know as a child, he said. Teams must respect fair play.

The referee had no power to take any action on Saturday and I have thought about maybe the creation of a rule to cover what happened. But it is difficult. If a player kicks the ball out because a team-mate is mjured, he could use it to waste some time or take the pace off the game. It will not be easy to create a good rule."

Steve Bruce, the manager of Sheffield United, accepts that Arsenal, who fielded a weakened line-up on Saturday, could be close to full strength next week, but said: "We're just grateful for the second

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Rob Hughes believes that Keegan is the right man at the right time

spending last night with his might think that it is his last night as a free man and that by teatime today be will be employed as the new coach - the rainer, the saviour, or whatever be is called - of the nation. What this would do is ensure that there would not be,

while he worked between enthusing the team and imploding, another such anodyne night as last Wednesday against France. Keegan's England would, filled by the very breath of his own make-orbreak spirit, perform in the manner of Franz Klammer. the skier whom Keegan has admired and kept in touch with since they appeared in a Superstars lelevision programme in 1976.

That is not to say that it would be downhill all the way. Far from it. Keegan would take the troops to the very top, would urge them over the summil and would at least demand that when playing for their country, even when outclassed, they would leave on the field every ounce of sweat and effort.

What is wrong with that? England do not possess anything approaching the great skill and vision that belongs to Zidane, Bergkamp or Rivaldo. We are artisans of the game. But, in private, Kregan never assumed that he was one of the great gifted; he merely refused to submit to

those who were. When SV Hamburg supporters dubbed him "Mighty Muuse" and when the experts of Europe's combined nations voted bim. in consecutive years, the best player on the Continent, they were responding to his ob-sessed will his compelling nature, his absolute refusal to be second in anything.

Could he breathe that into England? He did it with Newcastle United. "I was not personally blessed with pace, not blessed with tremendous ability, but on my day I could look good player," he once said. "When it wasn't going so good. I could make people say that I really ran my socks off." Who would decry an England team performing in that fash-

anyone better. The ride would be volatile. Whoever is given the job will have, first of all, to raise the spirit, then raise the tempo so that it sustains for an entire match the pace that rocked the world champions for the first 20 minutes. Keegan would need Howard Wilkinson, or someone more versed in tactical awareness and caution, but if anyone is capable of restoring what Giampiero Boniperti, the renowned Italian. once called England's "indestructible sense of superiority", then it is him.

Recean is the antithesis to Glenn Hoddle. Where Hoddle was an indulgent player of Cruyff: backs appointment

supreme gifts, Keegan made himself through extreme work-rate and a sense of adventure. When, as surely would be the case given time. ion? It would mean a tacit adthat turns to misadventure and when his relationships mission that coaching, or ca-joling. England's finest is less with the press, the players and the Football Association turn the jnb of a teacher, more an inspirer or motivator. explosively sour, then at least Johan Cruyff, who was we may look back and say, for

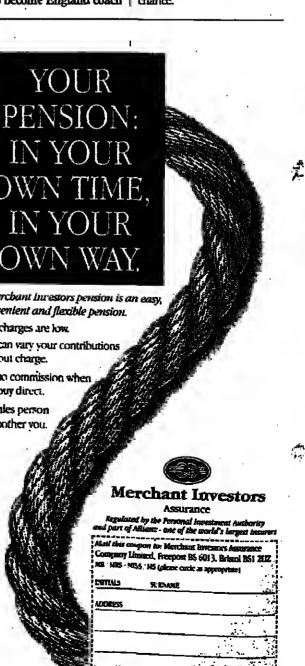
a time, England dared.

But, before everyone helps him to press the self-destruct blessed with genius, reacted yesterday to the proposition of England in the care of Keegan by saying: "Good, the button, consider this. Terry Ve best coach to a national team. nables, much lauded for his is one who understands every-thing about the nation, who charisma, tactical vision and public relations, did not actuknows the limitations of each ally win very much with Engplayer, who knows how to creland. Euro 96 was an exercise ate a momentum." Keegan exin bloated expectation in cels at that and if anyone is which the home nation won likely to turn Alao Shearer two out of five matches. The into something more than the highlight of Hoddle's Engglowering man of the past land was a stirring, defensive. that he appeared at Wembley goalless draw in Rome. last week. I cannot think of

f we want more, if we want to be exhilarated by an England team that, though not blessed with magical talents, will at least give every last ounce in the cause. then applaud, if he is offered and accepts it, the appoint ment of Keegan.

Il leaves me wondering why Mohamed Al Fayed seemed so willingly to say: "It's up to Kevin, he can stay with me, or he is free." Al Faved's price may be known in time, but the price of turning to a safer option may be more nights like last Wednesday, when England were see ond-best and, worse, accepted





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